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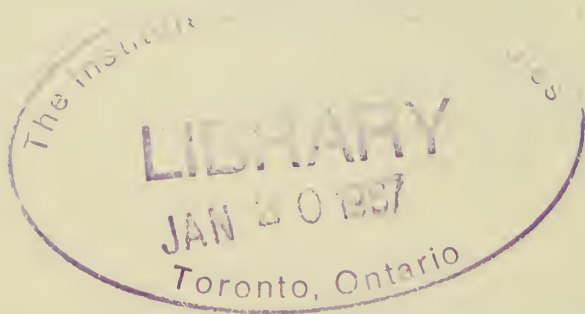
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Page 188, line 11 from top, after " ordinances " insert *that*.

Page 203, line 16 from top, for " 500 marks " read *50 marks*.

Page 225, line 16 from top, before " the Chancellor " insert
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Page 261, line 19 from top, for " to " the Commonalty read *by*.

Page 276, line 13 from top, for " ten " read *six*.

INTRODUCTION.

LETTER-BOOK I covers a period of twenty-three years, viz., from A.D. 1400 to 1422. It thus embraces the entire reigns of Henry IV. and Henry V., whilst incidentally recording a few matters of the reign of Henry VI. During that period the City underwent no such constitutional dissensions and changes as were met with in the previous volume, and the interest of the present volume reverts to national affairs, the renewal of the war with France, rebellions in Scotland and Wales, and the extinguishing of Lollardry. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in ascribing dates to undated entries (especially those touching the movements of Henry V. and the measures taken in connexion with his several expeditions to France) owing to their being recorded, in many cases, without regard to strict chronological order.

The book opens with a record of proceedings taken against a band of conspirators formed to seize Henry of Lancaster and to replace Richard II. on the throne. On the 25th Jan., 1400, Commissioners were appointed "to hear and determine all matters of treason and felony that had arisen since the King undertook the government of the realm." Among the Commissioners were Thomas Knolles, the Mayor of the City; Matthew Southworth, the Recorder; Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, who had been banished by Richard, and whose estates had been confiscated; John Norbury, who had landed with Henry and been appointed Treasurer; Thomas Erpyng-ham, who had also returned with Henry and been appointed Chamberlain; Thomas Rempstone, the Constable of the Tower; Walter Clopton, Chief Justice of the King's Bench; and William Thirnyng, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.

Two days later (27 Jan.) the inquiry was opened at Newgate before a jury of twelve "good men," Aldermen and others, specially summoned for the purpose. The jury found that the Earls of Kent, Huntingdon, and Salisbury, together with Thomas, Lord Despenser, and Sir Ralph Lumley, had recently been arrested in divers parts of England for treason, and had paid the penalty with their heads.

The story of their conspiracy may be shortly told. Two of the three Earls, viz., Kent and Huntingdon, as also the Lord Despenser, were smarting under the grievance of having been recently degraded from the titular rank they had respectively held as Duke of Surrey, Duke of Exeter, and Earl of Gloucester,¹ and they had planned to surprise and kill the King and his sons whilst entertaining their friends at Windsor on the Feast of the Epiphany (6 Jan.). The King, however, got wind of the conspiracy and escaped to London. The Earls of Kent and Salisbury were captured and beheaded ignominiously at Cirencester, and the Lord Despenser met a similar fate at Bristol. Lumley was decapitated at Oxford, and his confiscated estates bestowed on John, Earl of Somerset, the King's brother²; whilst the Earl of Huntingdon, after a fruitless attempt to escape to France, was discovered in hiding in Essex and suffered a similar death, his head being set up with those of other traitors on London Bridge.

The jury further found that Roger Walden (described simply as "clerk," although claiming still to be Archbishop of Canterbury), Thomas Merk or Merks (here described as Bishop of Carlisle, although he had been already deposed), Bernard Brokas and Thomas Shelley, Knights, Richard Maudeleyn and William Feriby, "clerks," and four others, had conspired against the King, both in the City and in various parts of the country, in December last until the opening of the new year, and that Sir Thomas Blount, Sir Benedict Sely,³ and others, who had been recently condemned to death at Oxford, were accomplices.

¹ 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 452.

² Cal. Pat. Rolls (1399-1401), p. 173.

³ Or "Cely" as the name appears in the Patent Rolls.

These conspirators being already lodged in the Tower, the Constable was ordered to produce them the next day (28 Jan.) before the Justices, a jury, in the meanwhile, being summoned from the vicinity of the Tower, inasmuch as the Tower was situate within the liberty and precinct of the City.¹ The prisoners were accordingly brought up by Sir Thomas Rempstone, and the King's orders were read to the effect that the Justices should proceed against them according to the law and custom of the realm, notwithstanding any claim of Benefit of Clergy.²

Being put on his defence, Roger Walden, the deposed Archbishop, took exception to his being indicted as a mere "clerk," having been recently consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury and as such being entitled to privilege. He nevertheless declared himself ready, if necessary, to answer his judges under protest. His claim of privilege was at once declared inadmissible. Thereupon he pleaded not guilty, and put himself upon the country; in other words, he claimed to be tried by a jury. He was followed by Thomas Merk, or Merks, Bishop of Carlisle, who, after making a similar protest, likewise claimed a jury.

Gilbert Purveys, of Scotland, another of those indicted, of whom little appears to be known, being put on his defence, acknowledged himself a party to the conspiracy to murder the King either at "Kenyngtone"³ or at Sutton, co. Middlesex,⁴ or between Sonning and Windsor. He further acknowledged that he was aware of the conspiracy some days before he gave information to the King, having first heard of it from Andrew Hake, but had delayed giving information in order that he might learn more of the matter. After he had given the information he had received (so he said) the King's pardon.

¹ As to this see note *infra*, p. 3.

² In 1344 before making a grant of supply the clergy insisted upon a statute being passed exempting prelates from the jurisdiction of secular courts in criminal cases. See Stat. 18 Edw. III. cap. i.

³ Identified in Cal. of Pat. Rolls as Kempton, co. Middlesex.

⁴ Probably a manor of that name near Chiswick, frequently used as a halting-place by the King on his way from Windsor to London. See Wylie, 'Hist. Henry IV.,' i. 396; iii. 245; iv. 12.

Thereupon the Justices, on his own confession as a traitor, adjudged him to be drawn through the City from the Tower to "Tibourne," there to be hanged, beheaded, and quartered; but execution of the judgment was respited until the King had been consulted.

Thomas Lollebrok, another conspirator, was next examined, but here the record abruptly ends.

The more prominent of the ten conspirators who were thus put on their trial on Wednesday, the 28th Jan., 1400, deserve a brief notice of their character and antecedents beyond what can be gathered from the proceedings against them as recorded in the Letter-Book.

Roger Walden, a man of humble birth, had risen to become Dean of York, and had succeeded Thomas Arundel as Archbishop of Canterbury on the latter's deprivation and exile towards the close of the reign of the late King. No sooner had Henry landed in England and been acknowledged as King in succession to the deposed Richard than Arundel reappeared and assumed his old title of Archbishop, which Walden conceded without a struggle. For a short time after his trial he was deprived of his property, but this was afterwards restored to him, and four years later (1404) he was appointed Bishop of London on the recommendation of the Archbishop himself.¹

Thomas Merk or Merks, otherwise Thomas of Newmarket (*de novo mercatu*),² a monk of the Benedictine Order, had been appointed Bishop of Carlisle in 1397. A boon companion of the late King, he was one of the few who refused to desert Richard when captured at Flint in August, 1399. The result of his trial is not recorded in the Letter-Book, but we learn from other sources that he was convicted and condemned to death, but remitted for a time in custody to the Tower. He remained a prisoner only a few months, however, and was then

¹ *Vide infra*, p. 43. Cf. Wylie, i. 20-21, 483; iii. 125-6.

² See Webb's notes to translation of a French metrical history of the deposition of King Richard II. by

Jean Creton, a French esquire who had accompanied the King on his last visit to Ireland. 'Archæol.,' xx. 86n.

quietly transferred to the charge of the Abbot of Westminster, an old friend and fellow-conspirator!¹ Before the end of the year he even received a full pardon.²

The fate of three of the less eminent conspirators is also known, although not recorded in the Letter-Book. Sir Bernard Brocas and the two priests, Richard Maudeleyn and William Feriby (and possibly Sir Thomas Shelley, the companion or esquire of the late Earl of Huntingdon), were executed at Tyburn.³ Maudeleyn had been a great favourite with the late King, to whom he bore such a striking resemblance that he had personated Richard at Cirencester in order to make the country folk believe that he had recovered his liberty and was once more among them.⁴ Feriby, like Maudeleyn, had been one of Richard's chaplains as also one of his political agents and advisers. Both of them had fled to escape trial, but had been arrested on their way to Yorkshire and been brought to London, where they were hanged, drawn, and beheaded together.⁵

Notwithstanding the pains that had been taken in March, 1400, to prove beyond doubt the actual death of Richard II., there were many who, for years to come, continued to believe (or feigned to believe) that he was still alive. Among those who entertained doubts as to Richard's death was William Serle, a devoted servant of the late King, who had fled to France on his master's fall. Hearing rumours that Richard

¹ Rymer, 'Foedera,' viii. 150.

² *Id.*, viii. 165.

³ Wylie, i. 110; 'Archæol.,' xx. 92n., 215n.

⁴ "They," *i.e.*, the conspirators, "said that good King Richard had left his prison and was there with them; and to make this the more credible they had brought a chaplain who so exactly resembled good King Richard in face and person, in form and in speech, that every one who saw him certified and declared that he was the old King. He was called

Maudelain." Creton, 'Archæol.,' xx. 213. Even after Richard's death and the exposure of his corpse to public gaze on its way from Pontefract to London, the French writer fully believed that the corpse of Maudeleyn had been substituted for that of the King, not being aware, owing to his absence from England, of the fate that had already overtaken the former. *Ibid.*, p. 221.

⁵ Walsingham, 'Hist. Angl.,' ii 245; 'Archæol.,' xx. 92n., 135n.

was still alive, he returned in 1404 to make inquiries for himself. Although finally convinced of the King's death, he had nevertheless fostered the imposture by publishing letters presumably bearing the late King's seal. Finding his case hopeless, he purposed again to seek refuge in France, but he incautiously placed himself in the power of Sir William Clifford on the borders of Scotland, and he was carried to the King at Pontefract. His trial took place at York, the presiding judge being the Chief Justice, Sir William Gascoigne, the same who had the courage to commit to prison the Prince of Wales for contempt of court.¹ He was convicted on the 26th July and sentenced to be drawn through various towns until he reached London. From the Tower he was to be drawn through the highways of the City to Tyburn, where he was to be hanged, beheaded, eviscerated, and quartered. On the 5th August the King issued his writ from Leicester to the Mayor and Sheriffs to see this sentence duly executed.²

With Serle there had been connected a man known as Thomas Ward or Trumpyngton, who had long masqueraded as King Richard in Scotland. Both of them had been expressly excluded from the general pardon granted to rebels in March, 1404.³ Twelve years later, he was still actively playing his part. A commission to try cases of treason and rebellion in the City appointed by Henry V. in September, 1416, was followed by an inquest by jury taken at Newgate. The jury found—as recorded in the Letter-Book⁴—that on the 18th April last, a certain Benedict Wolman, a hosteler of London, who had been under-marshal of the King's Marshalsea, and John

¹ That Gascoigne was the Chief Justice referred to by Shakespeare ('Henry IV.,' Pt. II. Act V. sc. ii.), and that he actually did commit to prison Prince Hal, has given rise to much contention, but the question has been practically set at rest by Dr. Wylie and others. See Wylie's 'Henry IV.,' vol. iv. pp. 94-99; *Notes and Queries*, 13 Feb., 1909.

On the other hand, the late Bishop Stubbs ('Const. Hist.,' iii. 77) discredited the story as "not only highly improbable, but almost impossible."

² *Infra*, p. 31.

³ Rymer, 'Fœdera,' viii. 353.

⁴ *Infra*, pp. 164-6; 'Memorials,' pp. 638-41.

Bekeryng, a native of Lincolnshire, had formed a conspiracy within the liberties of the City to bring Trumpington from Scotland and set him on the throne of England. With this object in view they had solicited the aid of the Emperor Sigismund, who was then in England and had recently concluded an alliance with Henry.¹ Loyal to his new ally, Sigismund forwarded the petition he had received to the King, and Benedict and John Bekeryng were arrested. Benedict was tried and convicted on Michaelmas day, and sentenced to be hanged at Tyburn, and his head to be set up on London Bridge at the place called "le Drawebrygge." Bekeryng, on the other hand, "for certain reasons moving the Justiciars thereto," succeeded in getting his trial put off until the 12th November; but before that day arrived he had died a natural death in prison.

Elsewhere among the City records² we find that in September, 1420, two other men, Thomas Cobold and William Bryan, endeavoured to keep up the Trumpington delusion in the City, although the former was perfectly well aware that Trumpington was at that time dead. In order to avoid arrest Bryan took sanctuary at Westminster. Cobold was discovered in hiding and brought before the Mayor and Aldermen. His replies to questions put to him proved so unsatisfactory that he was committed to prison.

During the winter of 1403-4 France was playing a double game, outwardly pretending to be anxious for a peace whilst secretly working against Henry on the Continent as well as in Wales and Scotland. On the 20th October a summons was sent out for a Parliament to meet at Coventry on the 3rd December.³ No return of City members is recorded, and it is doubtful if an election took place, for objections were at once raised as to the time and place selected, and finally the meeting was abandoned, and on the 24th November another summons issued for Parliament to meet at Westminster on the 14th January, 1404.⁴

¹ Rymer, 'Foedera,' ix. 377-81.

² Journal, i. p. 83 b.

³ *Infra*, p. 30.

⁴ *Infra*, pp. 35-6.

Pursuant to this second writ, the City elected, as usual, two Aldermen and two Commoners to be its representatives, viz., William Staundon, Alderman of Cheap Ward, and Drew¹ Barantyn, Alderman of Aldersgate; William Marcheford, mercer, and John Profyt or "Prophete,"² fishmonger, Commoners.

Before Parliament met the mask had been dropped on both sides, and France and England were again at open war. Money was urgently needed, but the Commons were in no mood to make a grant. At length, after nearly six weeks' delay, they agreed to the imposition of a tax which was of so novel a character and so highly oppressive that they only gave their assent on the understanding that it should not be made a precedent, and that no official record of it should be preserved. The novelty of the grant lay in the imposition of a tax of a shilling in the pound on land value, and the money so raised was to be paid not direct to the King's ministers, but to officers specially appointed as "Treasurers of War." It is significant of the City's ancient position as the "King's Chamber" that three out of the four Treasurers then appointed were eminent citizens who had held high office in the City, viz., John Hadle, Thomas Knolles, and Richard "Merlowe" or "Merlawe."³

¹ Or "Drugo." In March, 1400, he had complained to the Mayor and Aldermen that in the record of his admission to the freedom of the City in 1364 his name had been wrongly entered as "Andreas" Barantyn, owing to a misapprehension of the clerk that "Andreas" was the Latin for "Drugo." He prayed that the record might be altered to "Drugo," and his prayer had been granted. *Infra*, p. 6.

² *Infra*, p. 36. John Profyt had been one of the representatives of the City in the two preceding Parliaments (*infra*, pp. 21, 36). In September, 1404, he was elected City Chamberlain, and continued to hold that office down to 1415, when he appears

to have been succeeded by John Hille (*infra*, p. 147).

³ Hadle and Knolles were both members of the powerful Guild of Grocers, whilst Merlowe was a member of the scarcely less important Guild of Ironmongers. All three were Aldermen of the City; all had served the office of Sheriff, and all served the office of Mayor, two of them (viz., Knolles and Merlowe) more than once. All of them had represented the City in Parliament, Hadle having been returned to no fewer than seven Parliaments. (For these and other particulars of Aldermen mentioned in this Calendar, the editor is much indebted to a work entitled 'The Aldermen of the City

On the 24th March the King nominated Commissioners for levying the tax on those found in the City liable to contribute and paying the money over to the Treasurers.¹

The King was already in debt to the City for the sum of £2,000 advanced to him for the purpose of putting down the rebellion which had sprung up in Wales under the leadership of Owen Glendower, and in October, 1403, he had issued letters patent for the repayment of the debt out of money that had been granted by Convocation sitting at St. Paul's. This apparently had not been done, for early in the following May (1404), soon after the dissolution of Parliament, the King gave orders to the "Treasurers of War" to repay the loan out of the subsidy granted by the late Parliament.²

In November a fresh subsidy was granted by what came to be known as the "Unlearned" or "Illiterate" Parliament, owing to the exclusion of all lawyers,³ and not only were new Commissioners appointed for the City, but new "Treasurers of War" wholly unconnected with the City,⁴ viz.: Thomas Nevill, Lord Furnival, brother to the Earl of Westmoreland, and Sir John Pelham, one of the representatives for the County of Sussex. Within a few days after the dissolution of Parliament, whilst the King was yet at Coventry, where Parliament had sat, he issued letters patent authorizing the repayment of a loan advanced by the City for raising the siege of the castle of Coity or Coitiff—now called Oldcastle Bridgend—in Glamorgan,

of London,' recently compiled by the Rev. A. B. Beaven, under the auspices of the City Corporation.) The remaining Treasurer was John Oudeby, described as a "clerk," who had little connexion with the City beyond owning a small property there of the annual value of 5s. 2d., as appears from the Subsidy Roll of 1412 referred to later on. He was in Holy Orders and became Rector of Flamstead, co. Herts, where he died 7th March, 1413, being buried in the

chancel of the church. Wylie, ii. 109-10.

¹ *Infra*, p. 28.

² *Infra*, p. 29.

³ *Infra*, p. 33. The Parliament met at Coventry on the 6th Oct., the writ being dated 25th Aug., and the City members being John Wodecok and William Bramptone, Aldermen; Alan Everard and Robert Haxstone, Commoners.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 37.

which for some months past had been attacked by Welsh rebels.¹ The castle was not relieved until September, 1405.²

On the 21st December, 1405, writs were issued for a Parliament to meet at Coventry on the 15th February, 1406; but on the 1st January the place of meeting was changed to Gloucester, as the Prince of Wales was about to enter the Principality to complete the subjection of the turbulent Welsh.³ In the meantime news arrived that a French fleet was threatening the south coast, and the London merchants were so greatly alarmed that they prevailed upon the King to issue writs on the 9th February for Parliament to meet at Westminster on the 1st March.⁴

The Commons chose as their Speaker Sir John Tibetot or Tiptoft,⁵ of whom we shall hear more later on. A spirit of hostility against the King at once displayed itself, more especially by London traders, who, above all things, desired peace. More than once Henry was urged to send all foreigners out of the country, but little or nothing was done until the 14th May, when he issued a writ to the Sheriffs of London to expel as speedily as possible certain foreigners whose names were specified in a schedule, as well as all other foreigners who had entered England since Parliament met.⁶ Many aliens, nevertheless, refused to leave the City, and on the first day of July another writ was sent to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen to take steps to prevent disturbances arising in the City from the presence of foreigners who ought to have left the kingdom pursuant to the orders of Parliament and had not done so, and to make a return of their names and particulars of the value of their property. A return was accordingly made, but a copy of it has not been preserved in the City's records.⁷

Although eager enough to rid the kingdom of aliens generally, this Parliament did not hesitate to show favour to foreign merchants, who were to be allowed to trade freely with

¹ *Infra*, pp. 37-8.

² Wylie, i. 462; ii. 305.

³ 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 569.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 45.

⁵ 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 568.

⁶ *Id.*, iii. 571-2. Not recorded in the Letter-Book.

⁷ *Infra*, p. 48.

each other in the City in spite of opposition from the citizens. The latter had to abide their time, and when a fresh Parliament met at Gloucester in the following year (1407) they succeeded in obtaining from the King a declaration that the privileges of the citizens should not be prejudiced by what had taken place in the previous Parliament.¹

When Henry appealed to the City for money, as he constantly had occasion to do, it was not always for the purpose of supplying him with an army or a navy. Occasionally he was driven to seek money for purposes of a domestic rather than of a national character. Such a case, for instance, occurred in June, 1406, when we find him appointing Commissioners (the Mayor, John Wodecok, being one) for the purpose of raising money from well-to-do persons both in the City and the County of Middlesex, for "certain arduous and pressing matters."² This was a form commonly used when money was required for a national object. On this occasion, however, the "arduous and pressing matter" was the furnishing of an outfit and escort for the King's second daughter, Philippa, who had been recently married at Westminster by proxy to Eric, King of Denmark. The appeal for money was not confined to the City of London, but was made to other cities and boroughs, as well as to nobles and ecclesiastical dignitaries, and any others in a position to make advances. What effect the appeal had on the citizens of London is not recorded in the Letter-Book, but from other sources we learn that at least two Aldermen of the City made generous contributions, John Hende advancing £3,000, whilst Richard Whityngton is credited with an advance of over £6,000.³ Concurrently with this demand for money other Commissioners were appointed (the Mayor again being among them) to inquire whether any sums of money had been received by the King's officers that had not been accounted for. They were further instructed to make a return of the true yearly value of lands, tenements, wardships, and marriages that had been let to ferm by the King himself or by his predecessors on

¹ *Infra*, pp. 54n., 69.

² *Infra*, p. 48.

³ Wylie, ii. 442.

the throne.¹ These drastic measures had been occasioned by the Speaker having publicly declared in Parliament that Henry was being defrauded by his customers and comptrollers, as well as by a demand of the Commons that such farms should be raised in value wherever reasonable, and the "outrageous and excessive expenses" of the King's household reformed.²

Pursuant to the King's orders, the Mayor and his fellow Commissioners held an inquiry, three separate juries being sworn for the purpose, and by the following September they were able to make a return to the effect that they knew of no money due to the King that had not been accounted for, nor were they aware of lands, tenements, wardships, marriages, &c., in the City that had been let to farm by the King or his predecessors for a term at an annual rent.³

One of the most important reforms passed by the Parliament of 1406 was a statute directing that knights of the shire should thenceforth be freely elected in the county court without external influence being brought to bear upon the electors, and that the names of those so elected should be returned under the seals of all who took part in the election.⁴ The City of London, being a county in itself, came within the purview of this statute, and accordingly the Sheriffs were directed at the next election to see that it was conducted in the manner prescribed.⁵

On the 22nd December the Parliament broke up, having sat, with various adjournments, for 159 days, thereby eclipsing in duration any Parliament of the Middle Ages, after displaying "the most advanced principles of medieval constitutional life in England."⁶

The next Parliament met at Gloucester in October, 1407, when Thomas Chaucer, son of the poet and one of the members for Oxfordshire in the Parliaments of 1401, 1402, and 1406, was elected Speaker. Liberal supplies were granted for two years from Michaelmas, 1408, on the understanding that the King

¹ *Infra*, p. 49.

² 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 576-7.

³ *Infra*, pp. 51-2.

⁴ 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 601.

⁵ *Infra*, pp. 56-7.

⁶ Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' iii. 57.

would not ask for more money for two years from March next,¹ and the names of the Commissioners appointed by the King to levy the money in the City are recorded in the Letter-Book.² The year was marked by a terrible visitation of the plague, and the City was deserted by lawyers to such an extent that the Court of Husting had to be closed.³

The year 1408 afforded the King some relief from his difficulties by the death of the old Earl of Northumberland, who for years past had been a thorn in his side. Early in the year the Earl made a final effort to dethrone the King, but was defeated and killed in battle on the 19th February at Bramham Moor. The conspiracy is only incidentally mentioned in the Letter-Book, and then not until nearly twelve years after the event. It was on Tuesday, the 25th July, 1419, that an inquisition was held at Newgate before William Sevenok, the Mayor, and Sir William Hankeford, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and a jury touching an indictment (proved to be forged) against certain parties (among whom was Lewis or Llewellyn Bifort, formerly Bishop of Bangor, and a partisan of Owen Glendower) who were alleged to have been ready to join the Earl in his enterprise, and who were also alleged to have been guilty of several murders and to have fled the country. The whole story was found to be absolutely untrue, although the two men chiefly implicated, viz., Roger Olyver and John Russell, "sumtyme clerk convyct," pleaded guilty to forging various legal documents.⁴

In June (1408) the truce with France and Flanders was further prolonged for a term of three years, whereby security was guaranteed for French shipping within certain limits.⁵ The truce, however, was not strictly observed by France, and it became necessary in September of the following year for Henry to direct the Sheriffs of London to invite those who had suffered from the action of France in violation of the recent truce to communicate with Thomas Beaufort, the English

¹ 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 612.

² *Infra*, p. 61.

³ *Infra*, p. 64.

⁴ *Infra*, pp. 227-31.

⁵ *Infra*, pp. 73, 83n.

Admiral, who was about to sail for Calais.¹ A month later relations between the two countries had improved and London wine merchants were able to visit Rochelle under royal protection.²

Security for London traders in Prussia and along the Eastern shores of the Baltic had already been guaranteed by an agreement signed on the 3rd October, 1403, by Henry's old friend Conrad de Jungingen, Master General or High Master of the Teutonic Knights.³ Nevertheless, a system of reprisals continued to be carried on between English and Hanseatic traders, which was eventually settled by the payment of indemnities on both sides. This accounts for the Letter-Book recording a bond entered into by the King in October, 1409, for the payment of an indemnity to the subjects of Ulric de Jungingen, who in 1407 had succeeded his brother Conrad as Master General of the Teutonic Order.⁴

The large grants made to the King by the Parliament at Gloucester in 1407 ceasing at Michaelmas, 1410, it became necessary to call another Parliament. A summons was accordingly issued on the 26th October, 1409, for a Parliament to meet at Bristol on the 27th January following,⁵ but by another writ dated the 18th December the meeting was changed from Bristol to Westminster.⁶

In the meantime the King borrowed a sum of 7,000 marks from the citizens of London to assist him in the complete subjugation of Wales. The money was duly raised and paid to the King's officers, as set out in a letter addressed to the King by the Mayor on the 12th December (1409), but for some reason or other it never came into the hands of the King or of his son the Prince, who was either already in Wales or was about to proceed thither.⁷

¹ *Infra*, p. 73.

² *Infra*, p. 74.

³ Wylie, i. 382.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 77.

⁵ *Infra*, p. 81. ⁶ *Infra*, p. 83.

⁷ *Infra*, p. 82. This miscarriage of money raised for the King's service appears to support the state-

ment made by Sir John Tiptoft, the Speaker, in the Parliament of 1406, viz., that the King was being defrauded by his officers, although in this case part of the money is recorded as having been paid over to Tiptoft himself (among others), as Treasurer of England

Having secured supplies for two more years from the Parliament of 1410, Henry had no occasion to call another Parliament until November, 1411. The City was represented, as usual, by two Aldermen—viz., Richard Merlawe and Thomas Fauconer—and two Commoners—viz., John Suttone and John Michell—both being described as grocers.¹ The estates showed a liberal spirit, and not only granted the subsidy on wool, tunnage and poundage, but (following a similar course to that pursued by the Parliament of 1404) again imposed a tax on land value. This time the tax was to be 6s. 8d. on every 20 pounds' worth of income from land.² On the 2nd January, 1412, the King issued letters patent appointing the Mayor, the Sheriffs, and two of the richest and most powerful Aldermen of the City—viz., Richard Whityngton and Thomas Knolles—to be Commissioners for ascertaining who were liable for the tax not only in the City and suburbs, but elsewhere, and to make a return of their names into the Exchequer before the end of February.³

A return was accordingly made, but whether within the time prescribed or not does not appear, as it bears no date. It was to the effect that lands and tenements in the City could not be accurately valued owing to lack of tenants and injuries by fire and water, but the Commissioners had caused inquiries to be made on oath as to the present value of such lands and tenements, and they returned an alphabetical list of the names of those liable for the tax, as desired. Beyond that they could not go.⁴ This alphabetical list is not recorded in the Letter-Book, but we have a return made by the Commissioners of the various owners of property in the City, with its gross value and the amount of tax payable thereon, recorded in an Exchequer Roil

¹ *Infra*, p. 95. John Michell's company or trade is omitted in Mr. Beaven's 'Aldermen of London' (p. 270), in the return he gives of City members to this Parliament transcribed from the Letter-Book. He is identified by Mr. Beaven with John Michell, who afterwards became an Alderman, and, as such, was fre-

quently returned as a City member between 1420 and 1435; but the Alderman is described by Mr. Beaven (*op. cit.*, pp. 56, 89, 271), as a *fishmonger*.

² 'Rot. Parl.', iii. 648-9.

³ *Infra*, p. 99.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 103.

and preserved at the Public Record Office.¹ The gross rental is there returned at £4,220 in the hands of 1,132 individuals or institutions, the yield of the tax thereon being £70 6s. 8d.

The document is worthy of study, and comprises some strange anomalies. The ecclesiastical and religious personages recorded in it range from the Archbishop of York, who had property in the City of the yearly value of £10 13s. 4d., down to the Hermit of Cripplegate,² who is returned at exactly £10 less. The Mayor and Commonalty of the City are credited with possessing lands, tenements, and rents of the yearly value of a little over £150, whilst the Bridge House estate is returned at a few pounds less. Strange figures these as compared with their respective rentals of the present day! The same may be said of the rentals enjoyed by the leading Livery Companies at the commencement of the fifteenth century, as compared with modern times. The Goldsmiths' Company are returned as possessing the largest property, their rental being £46 10s. 0½d., the Merchant Taylors following them closely with a rental of £44 3s. 7d. The Skinners are credited with a rental of £18 12s. 8d., whilst the Mercers—now one of the wealthiest of all the Livery Companies—had no more than £13 18s. 4d. Both the Corporation of the City and the Livery Companies are far outdone by the Hospital of St. Mary without Bishopsgate, which had a rental of more than £240 a year. Several Oxford Colleges are returned as possessing property in the City, Balliol College—the patron of the Church of St. Laurence, Jewry—being the largest owner, with a rental of £4 12s.

Among private individuals we find Adam Fraunceys—some-time Mayor—by far the wealthiest in City property, being credited with a rental of £162 9s. 6d., a larger rental than that owned by the Corporation itself. Other returns that may be mentioned are those of William Askham, Alderman and M.P. for the City, at £78 4s. 0¾d.; Thomas Knolles, a still more famous Alderman and Member of Parliament, at £37 14s. 6d.; Drew Barantyn, another Alderman who represented the City in

¹ Printed in *Archæol. Journal*,
vol. xlv.

² *Vide infra*, p. 9.

four different Parliaments, at £55 16s. 11*d.*; Robert Chichele and William his brother, both of them eminent Grocers, the former's rental being returned at £42 19s. 2*d.*, the latter's at the more modest sum of £10 18s. 8*d.*; and, lastly, that of Richard Whityngton himself, at no more than £25.

The small return into the Exchequer from this tax on land values must have caused the King great disappointment. To such straits was he put for money that a month later Parliament resorted to ordering a debasement of the coinage for a term of two years as a tentative measure. Gold coinage had not been a success in England before 1344, when a new currency was introduced, viz., a gold piece called a "noble," of the value of 6s. 8*d.*, a half noble or "maille," and a quarter noble or "ferling," of the value of 40 and 20 pence respectively.¹ At that time 39½ nobles were made out of a pound weight of gold.² It was now enacted that 50 nobles should be made out of every Tower-pound of gold, and 30 shillings out of every similar pound of silver, the gold and silver being of the same good "allay" as the old money.³ The principal object of the new coinage was to facilitate the trade with Flanders, with which country Henry was on the point of concluding a truce for a term of five years from June, 1411.⁴

In April, 1412, France was so much disturbed by faction between the Dukes of Burgundy and Orleans that Henry forbade his subjects to enter the country.⁵ In the course of a few weeks, however, the situation became entirely changed by an offer made by the Orleans or Armagnac party to surrender Aquitaine to the English King as the price of an alliance. No time was lost. Henry caused proclamation to be made in the City for a muster of all those who owed him service, to take place on the 15th June, for the purpose of accompanying him

¹ See 'Cal. Letter-Book F,' p. 107.

² Kenyon, 'The Gold Coins of England,' p. 18.

³ *Infra*, pp. 100-1. In 1421 the noble had become so depreciated by washing and clipping that Parliament

had to decree that it was still to be accepted in payment of a subsidy if not deficient in weight to the amount of more than 12 pence. *Infra*, p. 265.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 104.

⁵ *Infra*, p. 101.

to France to recover his lost Duchy,¹ and at the same time borrowed a sum of 10,000 marks from the citizens to help him on his way.² The state of the King's health prevented him from leading the expedition in person. He was at least spared witnessing the fiasco which the expedition proved to be.

On the 1st December he issued a writ for a Parliament to meet at Westminster on the 3rd February (1413).³ This Parliament was determined by the King's death, which is recorded in the Letter-Book as having taken place between 7 and 8 o'clock on the morning of the 20th March,⁴ and a new writ was issued two days later.⁵

One of the first acts of Henry V. was to appoint Henry Beaufort his Chancellor in place of Archbishop Arundel. The latter contented himself with continuing to exercise his religious zeal, not only against his old enemy the Lollards, but also against the poor City barbers, who were ordered for the future to keep their shops closed on Sunday, under penalty of a fine, such a penalty, in the Archbishop's opinion, being likely to have a greater effect upon them than any threat of excommunication.⁶

Proceedings against Lollardry and heresy are frequently to be found recorded in the Letter-Book. Thus in May, 1400, we find the King's writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made forbidding chaplains to preach in the City or elsewhere unless duly authorized by their Diocesan, the reason given being that heresy was being widely disseminated by unauthorized chaplains.⁷ Again, the famous statute *De heretico comburendo*, passed in the following year, which allowed the Church

¹ *Infra*, p. 102.

² *Infra*, p. 104.

³ *Infra*, p. 109.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 113.

⁵ *Ibid.*

⁶ *Infra*, pp. 115-16. Barbers appear to have always enjoyed exceptional privileges. Thus we find it recorded in the Letter-Book (*infra*, p. 116) that a certain barber

was discharged from serving on juries, &c., not only on account of his infirmities, but because of the long-used privileges of the mystery. In modern times it has been ruled that barbers can keep their shops open on Sundays, as they do not come within the purview of the Sunday Trading Acts.

⁷ *Infra*, pp. 7-8.

to hand over impenitent heretics to State officers for punishment, is set out at length in its pages.¹ Yet, in spite of all, Lollardry continued to flourish, its increasing influence over the gentry being marked by a proposal made in the so-called "Unlearned" Parliament of 1404 that the King should seize the property of the Church and devote it to secular purposes. This was strenuously opposed by Arundel, who did not spare the Speaker himself, and eventually won the day.² Five years later (Dec., 1409) the Lollards had their revenge, and succeeded in making Arundel's position as Chancellor so untenable that he had to resign, and Thomas Beaufort took his place. When Parliament met in January, 1410, the Lollards were so confident of their own strength that another and more drastic scheme of confiscation of Church property was proposed, but its very extravagance caused it to be rejected. Their hopes had been encouraged by the fact that Sir John Oldcastle, their acknowledged leader, was in great favour with Henry of Monmouth. That Prince so far aided their cause, as has been seen, by dismissing their inveterate enemy Arundel from the Chancellorship immediately after his accession to the throne, but beyond that he hesitated to go. After more than one citation to appear before Convocation, Oldcastle was eventually taken and lodged in the Tower as a contumacious heretic, but shortly afterwards succeeded in making his escape. On the 28th October, 1413, the King issued his writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation forbidding any assistance being given to the escaped prisoner.³

We read in the Letter-Book how Oldcastle's escape had been planned and executed by William Fysshier, a "parchemyner," or parchment-maker, and others, and how they broke into the Tower and carried the prisoner off to Fysshier's house, where a conspiracy was deliberately formed against the King. Fysshier was put on his trial in 1416 for the part he had played, was convicted of treason, and sentenced to be hanged at Tyburn.⁴

¹ *Infra*, p. 14.

² Walsingham, ii. 265-7.

³ *Infra*, pp. 119-20.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 166.

By breaking prison Oldcastle had irretrievably committed himself to a policy of treason. Hitherto his chief support had been found in the well-to-do middle class in the City of London¹ and elsewhere. He now began to gather strength from every party that was disaffected towards the Government. The first design of the conspirators was to seize the King by stratagem whilst keeping Christmas at Eltham. This was defeated by Henry getting wind of the plot and coming up to London. Their next project was to assemble in force on the 10th January² (1414) in St. Giles' Fields, where they hoped to be joined by a large contingent from the City. Again, however, they were disappointed, for Henry caused the gates to be closed and prevented the disaffected citizens from joining in the proceedings, whilst he himself appeared on the scene of the muster and took up a strong position. Thereupon the Lollards took to flight. Some of the least fortunate were arrested and punished as heretics, but Oldcastle made good his escape for a time. On the following day (11th January) Commissioners, comprising the Mayor, the Sheriffs, and six Aldermen, were appointed by the King to search the City and commit to prison all Lollards they could find.³ On the same day Henry sent two writs to the Sheriffs, one bidding them make proclamation of the rewards to be paid to those arresting Oldcastle or causing him to be arrested; the other forbidding the unlawful seizure of the property of those accused of heresy, as it was the King's wish that they should be punished according to the law and custom of the realm, and not otherwise.⁴

That the King entertained no vindictive feeling against the Lollards as a body, believing, as he did, that many had been

¹ In August, 1413, the King found it necessary to order the arrest of chaplains in the City upholding Lollardy. *Infra*, p. 116.

² *Vide infra*, p. 123, note 2. The precise day of the month is variously given as the night of the 9th and the 12th Jan. See Kingsford's 'Henry V.,' p. 105; Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' iii. 80.

³ *Infra*, p. 123.

⁴ *Infra*, pp. 121-2. A similar writ touching the rewards to be paid for the capture of Oldcastle was sent the same day to the Sheriffs of Kent, Oldcastle's own county, he having taken the title of Lord Cobham together with Cooling Castle on his marriage in 1408. Rymer, 'Fœdera,' ix. 89-90.

led astray by bad advice, is shown by the fact that on the 28th March a general pardon was granted to all but a few ringleaders, among those excepted being Oldcastle.¹ Again on the 20th May he issued another pardon to certain Lollards mentioned by name, but Oldcastle does not appear on the list.² This was followed by another general pardon granted to all rebels, &c., on the 9th December, provided they sued for charters of pardon before Michaelmas, 1415.³

That Oldcastle, however, did in fact receive an offer of pardon in the course of the year, but had declined to avail himself of it, is proved by a writ to the Sheriffs dated 18th February, 1415, bidding them make proclamation to the effect that whereas John Oldcastle of "Coulyng," co. Kent, Knight, had not availed himself of the King's offer of pardon already promulgated, the offer would be withdrawn unless he made submission within a fortnight after Easter. This writ is recorded in the Letter-Book.⁴

On the 30th April (1414) Parliament had met at Leicester,⁵ one of the causes for its summons being declared by Beaufort, the Chancellor, to be the defence of the nation against the Lollards.⁶ A new Statute⁷ was accordingly passed against heretics, which went beyond the previous Statute of 1401, *De heretico comburendo*, and instead of the secular power confining itself to aiding in the execution of ecclesiastical judgment in cases of heresy, it was itself authorized to take the initiative.

It was, no doubt, in pursuance of this Statute that the civic authorities took upon themselves to arrest certain Lollards (among them being John Cleydone, a currier by trade), and to hand them over to the Commissaries of the Bishop of London. Cleydone was tried before the Archbishop of Canterbury and others on the 17th August, 1415, the Mayor, Thomas Fauconer, giving evidence against him. Being proved to be a lapsed

¹ Rymer, 'Fœdera,' ix. 119-20.

² *Id.*, ix. 129-30.

³ *Infra*, p. 132.

⁴ *Infra*, pp. 133-4.

⁵ Neither writ for election nor re-

turn of City members is recorded in the Letter-Book.

⁶ 'Rot. Parl.,' iv. 15.

⁷ Set out in the Letter-Book, fos. cxxxvii-cxlb.

heretic, he was handed over to the secular power and was burnt in Smithfield.¹

Another victim was a baker named Richard Gurmyn, who is supposed to have been burnt in the same fire as Cleydone. In this case too, Fauconer, the Mayor, appears to have played a prominent part, being afterwards charged with ignoring a pardon which the King had granted the heretic. The accuser was a certain John Russell, described as a "wolpakker," and he succeeded in getting Fauconer (after his Mayoralty had closed) committed to the Tower and fined £1,000. His triumph, however, was short, for when the whole matter was to have been threshed out before a jury on the 30th July, 1416, Russell failed to appear. He was found guilty and condemned to stand on the pillory. In the meantime he had taken sanctuary at Westminster, where he remained until the following March, when he surrendered and made formal confession and submission.²

That Fauconer, during his Mayoralty, had no wish to put undue pressure upon Lollards, whose religious aspirations in general found considerable favour among the citizens (more especially with respect to reforming the morals of the clergy),³ is shown by a letter he wrote to Richard Alkirtone, a Canon of Chichester, inviting him to preach the usual Easter sermon in the City, but at the same time begging him to be moderate in his language.⁴

When Parliament commenced to sit at Leicester at the end of April, 1414, the King was meditating a fresh war with France in vindication of his "hereditary" assumption of the title of King of that country. Such an enterprise would at once satisfy his military ardour and serve to divert the thoughts of

¹ The King, who was abroad at the time, was informed of the proceedings taken against Cleydone by letter from the Mayor and Aldermen. *Vide infra*, pp. 139, 140-1. Cf.

'Memorials,' pp. 617-18.

² *Infra*, p. 180.

³ Between Jan., 1401, and August,

1415, no fewer than twenty-four chaplains, as compared with fourteen of the laity, had been taken in adultery in the City and handed over to the Ordinary for purgation or punishment. *Infra*, pp. 273-80.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 132.

his subjects from religious bickerings. France was still divided into two factions, each striving to get the upper hand, the one Burgundian, the other Orleanist or Armagnac. It was Henry's object to effect an alliance with the party most likely to prove of use to him. Before proceeding to extreme measures he sent ambassadors at the end of May to negotiate an alliance with Charles VI. of France, and at the same time to make clear to that monarch the nature of Henry's claims. These negotiations failed, and the position of affairs had to be laid before Parliament, which was summoned to meet on the 19th November.² The estates showed themselves in favour of one more attempt being made at negotiation, but at the same time granted a large subsidy for the defence of the realm.³ Ambassadors were accordingly sent once more to Paris, but they again failed in their object. In April, 1415, Henry informed a great Council of his determination to proceed to France for the recovery of his inheritance, and the next day Bedford, his brother, was appointed Lieutenant of the Kingdom during his absence.⁴

The Mayor and Aldermen had been informed of the King's purpose as early as the 10th March. Four days later there came to the Guildhall the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Winchester, the Dukes of Bedford, Gloucester, and York, and others (not named) to consider the question of raising the necessary money. Before getting to business a preliminary question had to be decided as to the order in which they ought to sit. After taking the opinion of "certain of the more substantial commoners of the City" according to custom, the Lords agreed among themselves that the Mayor, as the King's representative in the City, should occupy the middle seat, that the prelates should sit on his right hand and the royal Dukes on his left.⁵

¹ Rymer, 'Fœdera,' ix. 131-3.

² *Infra*, p. 129.

³ 'Rot. Parl.,' iv. 35.

⁴ Rymer, 'Fœdera,' ix. 222-3.

⁵ *Infra*, p. 135. This "very

ancient memorandum" of the Mayor's precedence in the City was submitted to King Charles II. in 1670, when the Prince of Orange (afterwards King William III. of England) was about

The practical outcome of this solemn meeting is not recorded in the Letter-Book. We know, however, that in June Henry pledged a collar of gold richly studded with gems with Fauconer, the Mayor, as security for the repayment of a City loan of 10,000 marks¹ on the 1st of January, 1417, and early in August he borrowed a similar sum from the City on the security of the customs, the same to be repaid on or before the 25th December, 1416.²

At this point commences the difficulty (already mentioned) of tracing the sequence of events in connexion with Henry's expedition to France, owing to their being recorded in the Letter-Book with but little regard to chronological order. The following, however, may be considered as a substantially accurate account of the King's movements pieced together from its pages.

Having informed the Mayor and Aldermen at the Tower of London on the 10th March (1415) of his intention to cross the sea to reconquer the possessions of the Crown and of his need of money, Henry, twelve days later, issued his writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all who were, or had been, in the service of the Crown to hasten to London by a certain day and there await orders.³ This was followed by another writ on the 3rd May for proclamation to be made to the effect that all the King's lieges who by virtue of former writs had come to the City should remain there and not depart, but attend a Council

to be entertained in the City. It did not, however, make the King alter his previous determination that the Mayor should on that occasion "give place" to the royal guest. Repertory 76, fos. 28-9.

¹ *Ditz mille marcz.* This may possibly mean "*the said* 1,000 marks," although the sum had not been mentioned before. *Infra*, p. 143. The editor of the 'Memorials' understood the sum to be 10,000 marks.

² *Infra*, pp. 142, 158. In December,

1415, certain inhabitants of the Ward of Broad Street were brought before the Mayor and Aldermen to answer a charge of having falsely accused the Aldermen of having levied a larger sum than was due from them towards the loan of 10,000 marks made to the King for his voyage to Harfleur, but to which of these two loans this refers is not clear. *Infra*, p. 144.

³ *Infra*, p. 134. The day finally appointed for their return to London was the 24th April.

to be held at Westminster on the 6th and await its decision on a matter which had been submitted to it by the King.¹ On the 10th June the Sheriffs were informed that Sir John Tiptoft was about to sail to take up his duties as Steward of Aquitaine, to which office he had been appointed on the 8th May, and the men and archers who were to accompany him were ordered to be at Plymouth by Midsummer Day at the latest.²

As the time approached for his own departure, Henry gave orders for the governors of the City to remain within its walls during his absence abroad,³ whilst the Mayor issued his precept to the Aldermen enjoining them to take steps for the preservation of the peace within their several Wards, and a like precept to the Masters of sixteen of the principal Misteries to take the same precautions in their respective fraternities.⁴

Just as the King was about to embark at Southampton, news was brought to him of a conspiracy to carry off the young Earl of March, the legitimate heir of Edward III., and proclaim him heir to Richard II. as soon as Henry had sailed. The traitors—the Earl of Cambridge, Henry le Scrope of Masham, and Sir Thomas Grey of Heton—were arrested on the 30th July, and paid the penalty with their lives. On the day following their arrest the King himself informed the Mayor and Aldermen of the plot by letter. This letter is not recorded in the Letter-Book, but the reply to it (in which the King is thanked for his communication and is assured of the loyalty of the City) will be found recorded there.⁵

The City's reply was dated the 2nd August, and on the same day the King had occasion to dispatch a writ to the Sheriffs for a muster to be made of all capable men found in the City and suburbs for the purpose of assisting the Duke of Bedford in defence of the realm against the Scots, who were meditating an invasion of England.⁶

¹ *Infra*, p. 162. What this particular matter was that was to be laid before the Council we are left to conjecture.

² *Infra*, p. 163.

³ *Infra*, p. 138.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Infra*, p. 140.

⁶ *Infra*, p. 163. Cf. Rymer, 'Fœdera,' ix. 307, 310.

Henry set sail on Sunday the 11th August. Nevertheless, on the following day—whilst he was yet at sea—a letter of Privy Seal was sent to the Mayor from Westminster, complaining that many of the Aldermen were still absent from the City, and charging him to see that the absentees speedily returned to take their part in the government of the City and the preservation of the peace. This the Mayor did.¹ On the evening of Tuesday the 13th the English fleet entered the Seine and dropped anchor off the Chef de Caux, three miles below Harfleur. On the 17th the siege was commenced, and was continued for a month. At length, on Wednesday the 18th September, the town surrendered conditionally, its final surrender taking place on Sunday the 22nd, on which day the King dispatched a letter to the Mayor announcing his success.²

Henry had no sooner made himself master of Harfleur than he took steps to ensure its permanent occupation. To this end he caused a proclamation to be made inviting merchants and others to join him there, and to bring with them all manner of victual, clothing, armour and artillery.³ On the 5th October Bedford, who had been left in charge at home, caused another proclamation to be made much to the same effect. Merchants, victuallers, and artificers who were willing to take up their residence in Harfleur were to go there with all speed with their goods and military equipment, and the Earl of Dorset, the captain of the town, would provide them with houses.⁴ It will be noted that in both proclamations the English immigrants were to come prepared to take a share in defending the town when necessary.

Henry quitted Harfleur on Tuesday the 8th October with his army in light marching order, as he desired to reach the coast as quickly as possible. It was not, however, until he had won the decisive victory of Agincourt on the 25th that he achieved

¹ *Infra*, p. 183.

² *Infra*, p. 131.

³ *Infra*, p. 161. This proclamation bears no date. The editor of the 'Memorials' assigned it to May,

1416, but as the King is mentioned in it as "beyng atte Harflewe," the more probable date appears to be October, 1415.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 159.

his purpose of gaining the coast. It was on the very day of his victory that the citizens of London, as we learn from the Letter-Book, were experiencing the greatest anxiety as to the fortune of their King. A report had got about that no tidings could be obtained of the whereabouts of Henry and his army. Four days later, however, just as their newly elected Mayor was about to proceed to Westminster, to be sworn into office before the Barons of the Exchequer, their anxiety was turned into joy by news of the victory, and the procession, customarily made on horseback with great pomp and ceremony, was converted into a pilgrimage on foot to the Abbey, for the purpose of rendering a devout thanksgiving for the King's success before proceeding to the civic installation.¹ The civic authorities caused the reason for this unusual procession on foot to Westminster to be placed on record, lest it might become a precedent when others succeeded to the Mayoralty, "in manifest derogation of the laudable customs" of the City.²

The reception given to the King by the citizens on his return from France was of so brilliant and varied a character that one chronicler declares that a description would require a special treatise³; but on this event the Letter-Book is strangely silent. From other sources, however, we learn that he was met by a deputation from the City, and was presented with a sum of £1,000 in two basins of gold worth half that sum.⁴

The most interesting event of 1416 recorded in the Letter-Book is the visit paid to this country by the Emperor Sigismund, who had recently used his best energies to put an end to the Great Schism of the Church at the Council of Constance.⁵ Henry not only sympathized with the Emperor in his religious

¹ *Infra*, p. 144; 'Memorials,' 620-2.

² The importance attached by the citizens to a brave display on the occasion of their Mayor's riding to Westminster is seen from the fact that on the day that Richard Merlawe was elected Mayor (13 Oct., 1409) it was agreed, on petition of the Commonalty, that all Com-

moners riding in the procession to Westminster should in future wear hoods of the City's colours, viz., red and white. *Infra*, p. 78.

³ Walsingham, ii. 314.

⁴ 'Chronicles of London' (ed. Nicolas), p. 103.

⁵ *Vide infra*, p. 193, note 3.

plans, but, for political reasons, was anxious to secure his alliance. The Emperor, on his part, was the more ready to turn to England, seeing that a visit he had lately paid to Paris had not encouraged him to look for a renewal of his old alliance with France.

Leaving Paris on the 8th April, he landed at Dover on the 30th.¹ The Sheriff of London had been notified of his approaching visit the day before the Emperor had set out from Paris, and all knights and esquires had been bidden to meet Henry on the 16th April at the latest.² It is clear that the Emperor was expected to arrive earlier than he did, sufficient allowance not being made for the transport of his huge retinue. On the 6th May—the day before the Emperor was escorted by Henry through the City—precautions were taken to restrict the wearing of offensive weapons to knights and esquires.³ The night of his arrival in London was spent by the Emperor at Westminster Palace, whilst Henry lodged at Lambeth, where he summoned the lords, knights, and esquires to attend him between 8 and 9 o'clock the next morning.⁴ They had originally been ordered to keep close attendance upon him until St. George's Day (23rd April),⁵ which it was proposed to celebrate with unusual state at Windsor; but the observance of the festival had to be postponed, owing to the late arrival of the Emperor. The feast was eventually kept on the 24th May, when the Emperor was ceremoniously invested by Henry with the Order of the Garter.⁶

In the meanwhile the cause of peace had not been advanced by the conduct of the French. Not only was Harfleur being

¹ It is said that he was not permitted to land until he had given an assurance that he came not as Emperor, and had no intention of exercising imperial authority in England. If any such assurance was demanded or given (which is improbable) the Emperor appears to have broken his word, for we find him formally appointing a notary public and tabellion

throughout the Roman Empire—the creation of notaries being then considered an imperial prerogative—whilst staying as the King's guest at Eltham. *Infra*, p. 158.

² *Infra*, p. 160.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Infra*, p. 161.

⁶ *Infra*, p. 161, note 2.

besieged by the Count of Armagnac, but the English coast had been threatened by his Genoese allies. Even before the Emperor quitted Paris in disgust Henry had given orders for a fleet to be prepared on the Essex coast to repel invasion.¹ Towards the end of May a fleet was ready to set sail from London under the command of the Earl of Huntingdon, who, a month later, succeeded in scattering the Genoese vessels.²

As to Harfleur, a proposal was made by Sigismund in June that the town should be placed in the hands of himself and of William of Holland (whom he had invited to England to assist in the negotiations) as a temporary measure until a final settlement. For this arrangement the assent of the French prisoners in England was necessary. Although professing themselves anxious for peace, they refused their assent, and Henry had no alternative but to prepare another expedition to France. He primarily intended to lead the expedition in person, and went to Southampton for the purpose; but the command was eventually given to the Duke of Bedford, his brother,³ who succeeded in raising the siege of Harfleur.

Disappointed yet more by the attitude of France, Sigismund determined upon making an offensive and defensive alliance with Henry. Thus united they attended a conference, originally intended to be opened at Calais on the 1st August.⁴ The Duke of Burgundy was expected to be present on the occasion, and Henry had invited those of his subjects who had any grievances against the Duke to lay them before the conference,⁵ the Duke and Henry having agreed to prolong the truce between England and Burgundy for two years.⁶ The conference broke up in October, leaving matters practically in no better state than before, except that the bond between Henry and the Emperor was drawn closer by an extension of their alliance.⁷

It was clear that a renewal of the war would inevitably take

¹ *Infra*, p. 151.

² *Ibid.*

³ *Infra*, pp. 151-2, 161-2.

⁴ The conference actually commenced in September.

⁵ *Infra*, pp. 162-3.

⁶ *Infra*, p. 163.

⁷ *Ibid.*

place in the following spring (1417), and the Letter-Book records the preparations that were made for the event. Letters of Privy Seal were sent out at the opening of the year calling upon all lords, knights, esquires, and others to make a return of the number of men-at-arms and archers they could furnish by the 12th January, and a month later they were to attend the King and Council for the purpose of executing indentures and receiving the men's pay.¹ On the 25th February the Sheriffs were ordered to make proclamation for all knights, esquires, &c., who had bound themselves for the coming expedition to France, to provide themselves with victuals for half a year and attend at place and time appointed according to their indentures.² Early in March the King hypothecated the custom on wool, &c., for the repayment of a loan of 5,000 marks advanced by the City.³ The King's Purveyors had orders not to obstruct the Mayor in purchasing corn for the fleet which was about to sail from Southampton.⁴

Still there occurred great delay. In May, and again in June, the Sheriffs were ordered to make proclamation for masters of vessels and seamen to hasten to Southampton.⁵ More money had to be raised for the expedition, and this was supplied, not by the Corporation as a body, but by voluntary contributions by the wealthier citizens individually. Particulars of these contributions are recorded in the Letter-Book.⁶ The largest sum subscribed, viz., £200, was advanced by Thomas Knolles and Nicholas Wottone, the one an eminent grocer and the other a draper. The next largest sum (£100) was subscribed by four others, viz., Robert Chichele, William Crowmer, William Sevenok, and William Cambridge, three of whom were grocers and one a draper. Three others contributed 100 marks, viz., Henry Bartone, a skinner, and Mayor for the time being, Richard Merlawe, an ironmonger, and William Waldene, a mercer; whilst thirty-four other citizens subscribed

¹ *Infra*, p. 175. As to this method of raising an army, see Kingsford's 'Henry V.,' pp. 197-8.

² *Infra*, p. 174.

³ *Infra*, p. 176.

⁴ *Infra*, pp. 171-2.

⁵ *Infra*, p. 175.

⁶ *Infra*, pp. 202-3.

lesser sums.¹ By way of security for repayment of the loan the King pledged with the contributors a Spanish sword mounted in gold and enriched with jewels, estimated to be worth £2,000. The sword was not to be parted with before Michaelmas, 1418, unless previously redeemed by the King. In May, 1419, it still remained unredeemed, but was voluntarily surrendered to Henry in exchange for a grant of custom on wool.²

On the 17th July the King is recorded in the Letter-Book as being at Southampton, whence he issued his writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation relieving merchants from payment of the additional subsidy on wool, woolfells, &c., imposed by the last Parliament. All merchants in England were, for the next four years, to be called upon to pay only such subsidy as they had been accustomed to pay before the Statute.³

On the 1st August Henry landed for the second time in Normandy at Touques, a small fortified town which the Earl of Huntingdon was attacking, and on the 9th he was able to inform the citizens of London by letter of the surrender of the "castle" without bloodshed. To this a reply was sent on the 28th under the Mayoralty seal, testifying the joy with which the news had been received, and assuring the King that all was peaceful in the City.⁴

From Touques Henry determined to proceed to Caen, sending on before him the Duke of Clarence in light marching order and by a shorter route than he himself proposed to take. By this means the French garrison was taken by surprise, so that when Henry arrived everything was ready for a bombardment, and on the 5th September the King had the satisfaction of informing the citizens of London that the town had surrendered the previous day "with right litell deth of oure peple." The citadel was to be surrendered on the 19th unless previously relieved by the

¹ The list is somewhat meagre, and is another proof of the straits to which the King was reduced for obtaining money. In vain we look for Whittington's name, that staunch supporter

in financial matters both of Henry V. and his father.

² *Infra*, pp. 203, 214.

³ *Infra*, pp. 185-6.

⁴ *Infra*, pp. 183-4.

French King, his son Charles, the Dauphin,¹ or the Count of Armagnac, the Constable of France.² This news was followed a few days later (11 Sept.) by another letter from the Duke of Clarence testifying the enormous success which the army had achieved. So many towns and fortresses had been taken that the fear was that there were not sufficient men to keep guard over them.³ Another difficulty presented itself in keeping the English force supplied with victuals. To this end the Duke of Bedford, the King's lieutenant at home, caused proclamation to be made in the City that all merchants who were willing and able to ship victuals to France on the King's behalf might do so without paying custom dues, provided they gave security that such victuals should be forwarded to Caen and not elsewhere.⁴

Success continued to attend the English army throughout the remainder of the year, town after town falling into Henry's hands until he arrived before Falaise on the 1st December. This town had to be reduced by blockade, and was not captured until February in the following year. In the meantime (20 Dec., 1417) the Mayor and Aldermen dispatched a letter to the King congratulating him upon his success abroad, and assuring him of their loyalty and of the peace and tranquillity of the City since his departure.⁵

The great enterprise that Henry proposed to undertake in the coming year (1418) was the siege of Rouen, and the Letter-Book affords us glimpses of some of the preparations that were made for the purpose. Thus we find the Bailiffs and Surveyors of the Thames ordered on the 24th February to allow certain "cogshippes" to proceed to Southampton to join the proposed expedition, notwithstanding any embargo that might attach to them.⁶ It was probably in February that a proclamation (recorded without date) was also issued for the embarkation in the Thames of all soldiers, seamen, and others who were bound

¹ The Dauphin John, his brother, had recently died, and Charles, then a mere boy, had become heir to the throne.

² *Infra*, p. 185.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ *Infra*, p. 188.

⁵ *Infra*, p. 193.

⁶ *Infra*, p. 192.

for the expedition, and for their setting sail for Southampton at the next tide.¹

In the spring the Earl of March and Thomas Beaufort, now Duke of Exeter, who had been busy all the winter in England gathering fresh forces for the King's service, crossed over to France; and the Letter-Book records another proclamation, dated the 9th April, calling upon all soldiers of the Duke's retinue and all others who had bound themselves for the expedition to hasten to Southampton and there embark, on pain of imprisonment.²

At the end of May Henry left Caen and joined the Duke of Clarence, and a few days later the united forces advanced to Louviers. This town having surrendered on the 23rd June, the army immediately set out for Pont de l'Arche on the Seine, some twenty miles by river above Rouen, and began to besiege it four days later. Information was sent to Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, of the proceedings of the army by a letter from the Duke of Clarence, dated from Pont de l'Arche, the 5th July, the day after the English had forced the passage of the Seine, when the speedy surrender of the town was looked for. This was followed by a letter from the King himself, dated the 21st July, addressed to the Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen, and Commons of the City, informing them that the town had capitulated the previous day. To both of these letters the City returned a gracious reply.³

Whilst Henry was besieging Louviers a terrible scene was being enacted in Paris. The Armagnac party had rendered themselves so obnoxious that the inhabitants, with the aid of a Burgundian force, rose against them, and on the 12th June Count Bernard himself had been treacherously slain. The Duke of Burgundy being now supreme, it was a matter of importance to Henry to learn what would be the Duke's attitude towards himself. He accordingly dispatched a messenger to the Duke "to knowe whether he wolde kepe trewes taken bitwixt us and hym or no." The answer came back that

¹ *Infra*, p. 197.

² *Infra*, p. 195.

³ *Infra*, pp. 199, 200.

the Duke was prepared to give battle, and so (as Henry informed the Londoners in his letter) he held the Duke his "ful enemy."

Determined to take advantage of the disunion in France, Henry pressed forward the siege of Rouen. Two more proclamations without date are recorded in the Letter-Book. These were probably issued during the siege, which commenced on the 29th July. One proclamation required all who were willing to proceed to Rouen or other town on the coast of Normandy for the King's service to be on board ship by Sunday next; in the meanwhile they were to attend the Mayor, who would provide them with transport and free victuals for the voyage. The other directed those who were willing to go to Normandy to wait upon William Sevenoke and other Aldermen, who would similarly provide them with ships and victuals.¹

On the 9th August the King informed the Mayor and Corporation that he was then laying siege to Rouen—"the most notable place in France save Paris," he writes—and begged them to send victuals by ship to Harfleur, and thence up the Seine to Rouen, for the relief of his army. A month later (8 Sept.) a reply was sent informing him that 30 butts of sweet wine, 1,000 pipes of ale and beer, and 2,500 cups were on the way to refresh his forces.² No further mention of the siege appears in the Letter-Book, although the town did not surrender until the 19th Jan., 1419.

In the meantime, whilst still before Rouen, Henry had, on the 4th August, renewed an alliance he had made with John of Brittany in the preceding November.³ Whilst the Duke of Brittany was busying himself with negotiations for effecting a union between the two factions under the Dauphin and Burgundy, it was to Henry's interest to keep them asunder and to accept the terms of the highest bidder. In July, 1419, however, the Duke

¹ *Infra*, p. 201.

² *Infra*, p. 200.

³ The announcement of this renewal was not proclaimed in London

until February, 1419, by which time Henry was in possession of Rouen. *Infra*, p. 215.

and the Dauphin came to terms, and united themselves against the English king, and at the close of the month open hostilities, which had been in abeyance, were resumed.

Pontoise became the objective of Henry's next move, as that town commanded the road to Paris from the North. It was taken by surprise, and speedily captured, the news being forwarded to the Mayor and Aldermen by letters both from the King and the Duke of Clarence, dated the same day (5 August) at Mantes. The Duke's letter concluded with a request that they would confer upon Roger Tillyngton, skinner, his well-beloved servant, the freedom of the City. To both of these letters appropriate replies were sent, but no notice appears to have been taken of the Duke's request.¹

By the 17th August Henry was back at Pontoise, whence he again wrote to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City, thanking them especially for a kind and notable offer of an aid which he had learnt from his brother the Duke of Bedford and the Chancellor they had voluntarily made. This letter fell into the hands of the enemy and was taken to Crotoye, so another letter to the same effect was dispatched from Trie le Chastel on the 12th September.² By that time the Duke of Burgundy had ceased from troubling, having been treacherously murdered by adherents of the Dauphin, even as the Count of Armagnac had perished at the hands of the Burgundian party fifteen months before, and thus the way was paved for the Treaty of Troyes in May of the following year.

By this treaty, which is fully set out in English in the Letter-Book, Henry agreed to marry Katherine of France, and in his turn was recognized as Regent for the time being and heir to the throne of France.³ The new "Great Peace" was proclaimed at Paris with great joy on the 30th May, and at London on the 14th June after a solemn procession and sermon at Paul's Cross.⁴ The marriage of Henry with Katherine was solemnized at Troyes on the 2nd June.

Henry had yet to deal with the Dauphin, who was no party to

¹ *Infra*, p. 224.

² *Infra*, p. 225.

³ *Infra*, p. 244.

⁴ Walsingham, ii. 335.

the Peace. When the King next appears in the Letter-Book he is recorded as being with his army before Melun, the stronghold of the Dauphin, whence his Scottish and other mercenaries had long threatened Paris. The siege of Melun was begun on the 13th July, but so strongly was it fortified, and so stout a resistance did the besieged make, it was not until the 17th November that the town surrendered at discretion. It was during this siege that Henry issued letters patent granting certain exemptions from custom and other privileges to the burgesses of Dieppe, as set out in the Letter-Book.¹

The capture of Melun removed all difficulty of access to the French capital, and Henry made his state entry into Paris on the 1st December and spent Christmas there with his Queen and Court. Early in the following year he turned his face homewards, and arrived in England on Candlemas Day (2 Feb.), after an absence of three years and six months. Preparations had already been commenced for the Queen's coronation, the Duke of Gloucester, the Guardian of the realm, having on the 26th January issued his writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made for those who owed service to the Queen on such an occasion to attend the coronation at Westminster on the third Sunday in Lent (23 Feb.).³ The ceremony at the Abbey was followed by a banquet, which was attended by the Mayor and Aldermen.

Before turning his back on France Henry had instructed his brother Clarence to resume the war on the approach of spring. Scarcely had operations commenced before Clarence allowed himself to be taken by surprise, and was killed in a skirmish near Baugé. This took place in March, 1421, and in the following June Henry himself was back again in France, leaving his Queen at home, she being at that time *enceinte*.⁴

¹ *Infra*, p. 242.

² Gregory's 'Chron.', p. 138.

³ This date corresponds with that given in the 'Chron. of London' (ed. Nicolas), p. 108. On the other hand, Gregory ('Chron.', p. 138) gives the 21st Feb. as the day of the

coronation, whilst Walsingham (ii. 336) states that the ceremony took place on the *first* Sunday in Lent (9 Feb.).

⁴ Her confinement is recorded in the Letter-Book (*infra*, p. 264) as having taken place at Windsor at 4 P.M. on the 6th Dec.

The news of Henry's return gave fresh courage to the English forces. It had been his intention (so he informed the Mayor, &c., of London, by letter from Mantes on the 12th July¹) to spend some little time in Picardy on his arrival, in order to settle its government, but news had been brought to him that the self-styled Dauphin—"he that clepeth hym Daulphin"—was threatening Chartres; he had therefore hastened with his army to Paris to assure himself that all was well there, and had thence come to Mantes with the view of raising the siege of Chartres; but again his movements had to be altered, for he had heard on his way from Paris that the "pretense Daulphin" had already raised the siege and hurried to Touraine. To this letter a gracious reply was sent, as usual, under the Mayoralty seal, in which the King was assured of the continued tranquillity of the City.

Thus far the Letter-Book enables us to trace fairly well the movements of Henry V. both at home and abroad, but after his letter of the 12th July, 1421, it records nothing more of him but the bald statement that he had died and been succeeded by his son, and the Sheriffs of London were to make proclamation to that effect. He had indeed died at the Bois de Vincennes near Paris on the night of the 31st August or early in the morning of the 1st September, 1422, leaving an infant son, on whom he had never set eyes, to succeed him on the throne as Henry VI. The writ to the Sheriffs was issued a month later (1 October).²

Turning to matters affecting the internal government of the City, the Letter-Book records much that is of interest, more especially in connexion with some of the Livery Companies.

The differentiation, for instance, of the Barbers, pure and simple, from Barbers exercising the faculty of surgery (*barbitionsores chirurgicam facultatem exercentes*), otherwise known as Barber-Surgeons, becomes well defined. The two distinct fraternities or guilds of Barbers and Surgeons had long existed

¹ *Infra*, p. 255.

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² *Infra*, p. 270.

in the City side by side, and no little jealousy had been exhibited between them from time to time. In 1375,¹ as recorded in the previous Letter-Book, the Barbers had complained to the Mayor and Aldermen of unskilled practitioners in surgery, and had prayed that two Masters might be yearly appointed to rule the craft, and that none might be admitted to the franchise of the City until examined and found capable. Their prayer was granted, and two Masters were elected for the first time.² This ordinance must have been distasteful to the Surgeons' Guild, as it placed the Barbers on the same footing with them in respect of the examination of Surgeons, the inspection of their instruments, &c., more especially as the Surgeons had as recently as 1369 obtained from the same authorities the power of presenting defaults of unskilful practitioners.³ In 1410 the Barbers submitted the ordinances of 1375 to the Mayor and Aldermen, and not only succeeded in getting them confirmed, but obtained exemption from the jurisdiction of any other craft or mystery, by whatever name known, in matters touching shaving, making incisions, phlebotomy, or other matters pertaining to the art of Barbery or Surgery then practised or thereafter to be practised.⁴

Five years later (May, 1415), complaint having been made to the Mayor and Aldermen of the unskilful and fraudulent practice of certain Barbers towards their surgical patients, the Court, whilst not unmindful of the privileges recently conferred upon the Barbers, nevertheless deprived them of the right they had hitherto enjoyed of electing their own Masters, and took the election into its own hands, with the result that Simon Rolf and Richard Wellys became the first Masters for ruling all barbers exercising the faculty of surgery in the City.⁵

¹ The date is given *infra*, p. 85, as 49 Edward III. and John Ward's Mayoralty, but the original record in Letter-Book H bears no date.

² 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 20; 'Memorials,' pp. 393-4.

³ 'Cal. Letter-Book G,' p. 236;

'Memorials,' p. 337. In 1390 a similar power was granted. 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 352; 'Memorials,' pp. 519-20.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 85.

⁵ *Infra*, p. 135.

Again, a dispute is recorded in the Letter-Book between the Haberdashers and Hatters on the one part and the Cappers and Hurers (or hat-merchants) on the other, touching what should be regarded as "false" caps, and to which party belonged the right of search. In 1404 the Hurers and Cappers obtained an ordinance from the Court of Aldermen forbidding the fulling of any hure or cap otherwise than by hand, those fullled at mills or by foot being deemed false work, and investing the Wardens of their craft with power of search.¹

The matter came up again in 1417, when the Masters and good men respectively of the misteries of Hatters and Haberdashers complained to the Court of Aldermen of the Masters and Wardens of the mistery of Cappers having seized certain "longe cappes" belonging to a haberdasher. The Cappers defended their action by citing the ordinance of 1404. On the other hand, the Hatters and Haberdashers declared that the ordinance was bad, inasmuch as "cappes, hures and hattes," both in England and abroad, were fullled both at mills and by foot at less cost, and equally as well as those fullled by hand. They also claimed an equal right of search with the Cappers. The Mayor and Aldermen thereupon decreed that the ordinance should be void and that in future the examination of caps, &c., should be shared by all parties concerned.²

In 1415 journeymen or "yeomen" tailors³ became insubordinate to the rule of the Masters of the Guild, consorting together in various houses, and behaving in so insolent a manner that complaint was made to the Mayor and Aldermen.

¹ *Infra*, p. 29; 'Memorials,' pp. 558-9.

² *Infra*, pp. 176-7. The particular caps seized on this occasion were afterwards viewed by twelve good men of the misteries of Haberdashers as well as Cappers, and those found to be false were condemned to be burnt. *Infra*, p. 181. *Note*, the date 4 Henry V. recorded in the MS. is evidently a scribe's error for 5 Henry V.

³ Also known as "bachelors." They were freemen of the Company, but not members of the "Livery," and took no part in its administration. John Stow, a tailor by trade and an antiquary by taste, although admitted a member of the Bachelor or Yeoman class of the Tailors' Company, was never promoted to the Livery. See Kingsford's *Introd.* to his edition of Stow's 'Survey,' p. viii.

The Master and Wardens, being summoned to appear, frankly acknowledged their inability to put a stop to the scandal, and asked the Court to summon certain offenders who were living in a house at Garlickhithe. This was done, and after due consideration, the Mayor and Aldermen ordained that thenceforth the yeomen should be subject to the rule and governance of the Masters and Wardens of the mistery, and should cease to wear a livery or live together, under pain of imprisonment and fine.¹

Two years later (5 Aug., 1417) the yeomen tailors of their own accord approached the Court of Aldermen and prayed that they might be allowed to meet once a year on a certain festival in the church of St. John of Jerusalem for religious and charitable purposes in connexion with their fraternity. Thereupon the Mayor and Aldermen consulted the ordinance of 1415, and finding that the petition, although having the appearance of good fellowship (*licet sub pio colore bonitatis*), would, if granted, lead to disturbances, as similar assemblies of the same mistery had done before, they forbade such conventicles to be held anywhere except in the presence of the Masters of the mistery.²

The Letter-Book records the settlement of a question of precedence claimed by the respective Rectors of the churches of St. Peter, Cornhill, St. Magnus the Martyr, and St. Nicholas Coldabbey in the solemn processions which took place at Whitsuntide in each year. The record gives us to understand that the question was raised not so much by the Rectors as by their parishioners. In the last two parishes mentioned—viz., St. Magnus and St. Nicholas Coldabbey—the bulk of the parishioners were no doubt fishmongers carrying on their business in the fish markets in Bridge Street or New Fish Street in the parish of St. Magnus,³ and in Old Fish Street in

¹ *Infra*, pp. 136-7. In 1396 the yeomen of the mistery of Saddlers endeavoured in a similar manner to form a fraternity of themselves, to assume a livery, and, generally, to break away from the authority of the Masters and Wardens of the mistery. 'Cal. Letter-Book II,' pp. 431-2.

² *Infra*, pp. 187-8.

³ There was a Fraternity of Fishmongers in the church of St. Magnus, the chaplain of which was taken in adultery in 1421. *Infra*, p. 280. There was a similar fraternity in the church of St. Peter, Cornhill. Unwin, 'The Gilds of London,' p. 204.

the parish of St. Nicholas, and every year they challenged the right of the Rector of St. Peter's, Cornhill, to take precedence over the Rectors of their own parish church, although it had been solemnly decreed by the ecclesiastical authorities in February, 1399-1400, that the last place in processions, as the place of honour, rightly belonged to the Rector of St. Peter's, Cornhill. In 1417 matters came to a head, and the Mayor and Aldermen, after hearing the decree just mentioned, ordained that the Rector of St. Peter's should continue to enjoy his precedence without hindrance on the part of the Rectors of St. Magnus and St. Nicholas, on pain of fine and imprisonment.¹ This ordinance as recorded in the City's Journal of the day² contains also a clause commanding the Masters of the Mistery of Fishmongers in both fish markets to see that it be duly observed.

It was presumably in 1419 (the record bears no date) that the University of Cambridge attempted, not for the first time, to challenge the right of the City of London to appoint their own Wardens and to survey weights and measures at all Fairs held in England. At Sturbridge Fair, held in the suburbs of Cambridge, the University not only claimed these rights exclusively as its own, but the Chancellor for the time being insisted on his power to commit to prison any one found assaulting a scholar until surety was given for keeping the peace. It had recently happened that two eminent grocers of London, viz., John Aylesham and Thomas Catworth, were discovered selling their goods by weight, and when ordered to bring their weights to be assayed they had refused to do so. When the Fair was over, an attempt was made by two scholars of the University (at the instigation of the Chancellor) to seize the merchandise that remained unsold, but they were forcibly prevented. Thereupon the Chancellor caused the London grocers to be arrested, and committed them to the custody of the Sheriff until they found surety. By some means or other (not recorded) they obtained their release, and the University proceeded to lay the matter

¹ *Infra*, p. 188; 'Memorials,' pp. 651-3.

² Journal I, fo. 21 b.

before the King's Council. There the rights of each of the parties were pleaded and supported by divers charters and the liberties and customs of the City, as may be seen in the Calendar,¹ but the Council's decision is not recorded in the Letter-Book.

In the following year (1420) not only were heavy penalties imposed upon brewers who failed to have their measures sealed by the City Chamberlain or his deputy, pursuant to an ordinance passed in 1408, but those who were found guilty of selling an inferior beer, either inside or outside their houses, or of selling the best beer dearer than they ought, were condemned to forfeit both beer and vessels on the evidence of any informer. Lest this ordinance should prove too rigorous in practice, the Mayor (Richard Whityngton) and Aldermen reserved the right of annulling it. In the meanwhile it received the approval of more than 300 brewers in the City and suburbs, their names being set out in the Letter-Book.²

The Letter-Book closes with a record of two matters of special but widely different interest: the one being a schedule of those taken in adultery in the City between the years 1401 and 1439; the other being the various statutes and ordinances that had been passed since the year 1300 for regulating the office of King's Purveyor, and ordered by the Parliament of 1422 to be proclaimed four times a year by the Sheriff of every county.

It is not easy to discover a satisfactory reason for placing on record here the names of those found guilty of immorality during the period mentioned, unless it be the fact that more than half of them were criminous priests whose detection may have been due to a recrudescence of Lollardry in the City, and whom it was thought well to gibbet. The whole number of those so taken amounts to seventy, forty-four of them

¹ *Infra*, pp. 216-19.

² *Infra*, pp. 233-5. Of the three hundred brewers here recorded less than twenty were females. This goes far to controvert a statement made

by the editor of the City's 'Liber Albus' (Introd., p. lx) that the business of brewing was almost wholly in the hands of females "until the close of the fifteenth century, if not later."

being priests, and two of them City Rectors. Of these two, one appears to have succeeded in purging himself before the Ordinary, or to have got off with a light punishment, the other failed and lost his living. Of the laymen who were taken only four are recorded as being married, whilst over thirty married women were incriminated. The largest number of arrests made in a twelvemonth was ten, no fewer than six of whom were priests. This occurred during the Mayoralty of John Wodecok (Oct., 1405—Oct., 1406), whose religious proclivities (exemplified by his having initiated the custom of holding a religious service previous to the election of a Mayor) may possibly have inspired the Ward officers with greater zeal in looking for misdemeanants. Billingsgate and Bishops-gate Wards appear to have exceeded other Wards in licentiousness.

The excessive number of clergy over laymen in this long list is calculated to astonish the citizen of London of the present day; but we must not forget that the City swarmed with chantry priests, and was not more demoralized in those days than the rest of England, and more especially cathedral towns.¹ The laxity of morals among the clergy was, moreover, encouraged in some degree by the inadequate punishment inflicted by the spiritual courts, to whose jurisdiction alone they claimed to be subject. Ever since the first grant of "Benefit of Clergy" every cleric could claim as an absolute right to be exempted in cases of felony from the criminal law of the land.² The Mayor and Aldermen in most cases acknowledged the right and remitted the "criminous clerk" to the Ordinary to "purge" himself by bringing forward witnesses to swear to their belief in his innocence, failing which, he had to submit to a punishment

¹ In editing the records of York for the Surtees Society (vol. 35, p. 242n.) Canon Raine did not think it necessary to mention any of "the cases of immorality with which every class was charged, especially the clergy in the Minster." Again, at Ripon between 1452 and 1506, the number

of priests presented for incontinency was 24 as compared with 102 of the laity. (Surtees Soc., vol. 64, Preface, p. vii.)

² We have seen how "benefit of clergy" was specially withheld by the King's orders in the prosecution of Walden and Merks in 1400.

of penance, or a fine, or both, but in most cases the punishment was altogether inadequate to the crime. Nevertheless, the civic authorities had their own way of dealing with such clerks. Thus, in 1382 it was ordained that any priest found with a woman should be taken to the Tun on Cornhill *with minstrels*, and on his third offence should abjure the City for the rest of his life.¹ Again, the Letter-Book records a proclamation of the fifteenth century made by the Mayor "on the King's behalf" forbidding the hiring of an immoral priest under penalty of paying double his salary into the City Chamber.² As to laymen taken in adultery in the City, they were indicted before the Mayor and Aldermen, and usually condemned to the pillory,³ a punishment no less obnoxious than the escort to the Tun with minstrelsy.

The statutes and ordinances touching Purveyance have been set out in the Calendar *verbatim et literatim*.⁴ The first statute recorded is one passed in 1330, but the royal prerogative of purveyance—which allowed victuals and goods to be appropriated for the King's service by his purveyors or takers, to be paid for at the lowest rate or not paid for at all—had long been an intolerable burden which no legislation appears to have been strong enough to abolish. No fewer than nine statutes are recorded in the Letter-Book in the reign of Edward III. alone, by the last of which, passed in 1362, it was enacted not only that the practice of purveyance should cease, but also that the "odyouse name purveour be chaunged and cald catour."⁵

The prerogative of purveyance, besides the right of pre-emption of victuals, fodder, &c., extended to the requisition of horses and carts, and even the enforcement of personal labour. At the Parliament held at Gloucester in October, 1407, a

¹ 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 189; 'Liber Albus,' i. 459. Cf. *infra*, p. 286.

² *Infra*, p. 286. Cf. p. 279.

³ A few instances are recorded of laymen being remitted to the Ordinary (*infra*, pp. 283, 284); and one of a layman and his wife and an adulterer (by connivance) being sent

to the Ordinary after they had suffered the pillory. *Infra*, p. 281.

⁴ *Infra*, pp. 288-98.

⁵ *Infra*, p. 294. *Catour* or *acatour* (modern Fr. *acheteur*)=buyer. The French word *acates* (merchandise) is supposed by some to have given rise to the legend of Whityngton and his *cat*.

formal complaint was made to the King by Thomas Chaucer, the Speaker, of the conduct of his purveyors, and in the following month the Sheriffs received the King's writ to make proclamation to the effect that no one should be forced to surrender anything to the King's takers of victuals or carts unless those officers showed their commission.¹ This had become necessary owing to unscrupulous persons fraudulently representing themselves to be the King's purveyors, two instances of the kind being recorded in the Letter-Book.²

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The Guildhall, London,
April, 1909.

¹ *Infra*, pp. 60-1. In 1359 Edward III. had not only sent a similar writ to the Sheriffs of London, but had also furnished them with a list of

the names of his Purveyors and their deputies. 'Cal. Letter - Book G,' pp. 106-7.

² *Infra*, pp. 174, 270.

CALENDAR OF LETTER-BOOKS

OF THE

CITY OF LONDON.

LETTER-BOOK I.

Letters patent appointing Thomas de Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, John Norbury, Thomas Erpyngham, Thomas Rempstone, John Lovell, Walter Cloptone, Thomas Knolles, the Mayor of the City, William Thirnyng, William Rykhyll, and Matthew Suthworth, or any nine, eight, seven, six, five, or four (of whom two are to be of the five first named, and one to be the Mayor, and another to be either Walter Cloptone, William Thirnyng, or William Rykhyll), to be Commissioners to hear and determine all matters of treason and felony that had arisen since the King undertook the government of the realm. Witness the King at Westminster, 25 Jan., 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399-1400]. Thereupon precept to the Sheriffs that they cause twenty-four good men, Aldermen and others, to attend the above Justices at Neugate on Tuesday before the Feast of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.] next.

Fly-leaves.

Inquisition held at Neugate on the Tuesday aforesaid before twelve jurors [not named], who find that Thomas de Holand, late Earl of Kent, John de Holand, late Earl of Huntynghdone, John de Montague, late Earl of Salisbury, Thomas, late Lord le Despenser,¹ [and] Ralph Lumley, Knt.,² had recently been

*Inquisicio
capta.*

¹ He had been created Earl of Gloucester in 1397, but was deprived of the earldom in 1399.

² Otherwise Lord Lumley. Summoned to Parliament as a Baron 1384-1399.

arrested in divers parts of England for treason and beheaded; that Roger Waldene,² clerk, Thomas Merke,³ Bishop of Carlisle, Bernard Brokas,⁴ Knt., Thomas Shelley, Knt., Richard Maudeleyne,⁵ clerk, William Feriby, clerk, Gilbert Purveys, esquire, of Scotland, Richard Cliderowe, esquire, Thomas Lollebrok, esquire, and Edward his servant, had conspired against the King in London, viz., at St. Paul's Church, in the Ward of Baynardescastell, and in the parish of All Hallows the Less in the Ward of Douegate and elsewhere, as well within the City as without, from the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.] last past until the following Feast of the Circumcision [1 Jan.], together with Thomas Blount, Knt., Benedict Sely, Knt., and other traitors to the King, recently condemned to death at Oxford, and had raised an armed rebellion at Brampton, co. Oxon, "Wantynge," "Ciscestre," and elsewhere

¹ The Earls of Kent and Huntingdon, who had recently been reduced from the Dukedoms of Surrey and Exeter, had conspired with the Earl of Salisbury and Le Despenser to seize the King at Windsor, where he was spending Christmas, and replace Richard on the throne. The conspiracy had been discovered, and the Earls of Kent and Salisbury seized and put to death at Cirencester. Lumley had been beheaded at Oxford; Le Despenser had been taken and killed by the citizens of Bristol; and the Earl of Huntingdon had been taken in Essex and beheaded at Plesshy. 'Annales Hen. IV.' (Rolls Series, No. 28, vol. iii.), pp. 323-9; Walsingham, 'Hist. Anglicana,' ii. 243-5; Kingsford's 'Chron. of London,' p. 62.

² He had been raised to the Archbishopric of Canterbury in 1397 in place of the deposed Arundel, but on the accession of Henry IV. was forced to surrender the see to its previous occupier.

³ Or Merk. He had been one of Richard II.'s confidential advisers, and was the only Bishop present with Richard when taken at Flint.

⁴ Master of the King's buckhounds. Cal. Pat. Rolls (1399-1401), p. 193.

⁵ He had been one of the late King's Chaplains, and bore such a striking resemblance to the King that he had been employed more than once by Richard's supporters to impersonate him in public. One contemporary writer went so far as to declare that in his opinion it was Maudelain's corpse and not that of Richard that was exposed in St. Paul's in March (1400) for the purpose of identification; but this could not be, inasmuch as Maudelain himself had already been publicly executed and beheaded. See Webb's translation of Creton's 'Metrical Hist. of the Deposition of King Richard the Second' (*Archæol.*, vol. xx. pp. 134, 213, 221, 424).

in favour of King Richard, forcibly carrying off (among others) the King's liege subject Walter Hungerford, Knt., and robbing him of the King's livery or collar valued at £20.

Whereupon (the said Roger Waldene and the other conspirators having been committed to the Tower by the King's orders) the Constable of the said Tower or his Lieutenant was ordered to produce the prisoners before the said Justices on the following Wednesday to answer for their treason and felony, and precept was also issued to the Sheriffs to cause twenty-four citizens and others of the neighbourhood to appear before the said Justices at the Tower (the said Tower being within the liberty and precinct of the liberty of the City¹) to make delivery of the said prisoners according to the law and custom of England. The said prisoners having been produced, accordingly, by Thomas Rempstone, Knt., Constable of the Tower, there was read the King's writ, dated the 28th Jan.,² authorizing the Commissioners to examine the prisoners and proceed according to the law and custom of the realm, notwithstanding the recent statute exempting Archbishops and Bishops from the jurisdiction of the King's Justices in a criminal matter unless otherwise ordered by the King and his Council.

Being put on his defence, the said Roger Waldene said that although he had been indicted as Roger Waldene, "clerk," he had recently been consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury, and as such claimed exemption from the jurisdiction of the Justices on a criminal question, although he was prepared, if necessary, to make answer under protest. The Justices ruled that the Archbishop's claim of privilege was inadmissible under the circumstances. Thereupon he declared himself not

¹ *Eo quod idem Turris infra libertatem et precinctum libertatis civitatis predictae existit.* According to Coke ('Institutes,' iii. 135*) the ancient City wall extended through the Tower, and all that part of the Tower precinct which lay to the west of the wall was in Tower Ward, whilst that to the east of the wall was

situate in the county of Middlesex. In 1321 we find the City Coroner holding an inquest *within the second gate of the Tower towards the West in the parish of All Hallows Barking in Tower Ward.* Coroner's Roll, B 1.

² Printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera' (ed. 1727), viii. 123.

guilty and put himself on the country, and Thomas "Mark," Bishop of Carlisle, did likewise. Gilbert Purveys acknowledged himself a party to the conspiracy of the aforesaid lords to kill the King either at Kenyngtone¹ [*sic*], at Sutton, co. Middlesex,² or between Sunnynge and Wyndesore, and that he was aware of the conspiracy four days before he gave information, having first heard of it from Andrew Hake, and that the reason he delayed giving the information was that he might learn more of the matter; and further, that on giving the said information he had received the King's pardon. Thereupon the said Gilbert was condemned to be drawn from the Tower to Tibourne, there to be hanged, beheaded, and quartered; but execution was respited until the King had been consulted. And the aforesaid Thomas Lollebrok said that on Wednesday before the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.].....[*Here the record ends abruptly.*]³

Fo. i.
*Eleccio
Maioris.*

Monday the Feast of Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399], in the presence of Drew Barentyn, Mayor, Matthew Southworth, the Recorder, William Walderne and William Hyde, the Sheriffs, John Hadlee, John Hende, William Staundon, Richard Whytingtone, John Walcote, William Bramptone, John Shadworth, William Askham, William Parker, John Wodecok, John Fraunceis, John Warner, John Wade, William Evote, William Venour, Walter Newton, William Reinwelle, Thomas Wylford, and Thomas Polle, Aldermen, and an immense Commonalty summoned for the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing, Thomas Knolles was elected. Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], he was sworn in the Guildhall, and on the

¹ Probably the manor of Kenton near Kingston, one of the rendezvous agreed upon by the conspirators.

² The manor of Sutton, also near Kingston.

³ Eventually the Archbishop was set at liberty and the Bishop received the King's pardon. Of the others, Sir Thomas Shelley, "Maudeleyne" (or

Magdalene), and "Feriby" (or Ferby), clerks, as well as Bernard Brokas, Knt., were either hanged or beheaded at Tyburn. 'Annales Henrici IV.,' p. 330; Walsingham, 'Hist. Angl.,' ii. 245; Kingsford's 'Chronicles of London,' p. 63; *Archæol.*, vol. xx. pp. 87, 215; Rymer, 'Fœdera,' viii. 150, 165-6.

morrow was presented, admitted, and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer, &c.

17 Nov., 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399], Walter Southwerk, citizen and tiler, discharged by Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., on account of increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Walt'i South-
werk.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to admit Nicholas Symcok to the office of deputy Coroner, inasmuch as John Payn, the King's Chief Butler, to whom the office of Coroner of the City appertains, is engaged on the King's business. Witness the King at Westminster, 4 Oct., 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399].

*Br'e de admit-
tend' Nich'm
Symcok in
officium sub-
coron'.*

1 Dec., 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399], came Thomas Smyth called "Stanes," late apprentice of John Kyng, "tymbermonger," before Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, having been admitted into the freedom of the City and sworn when Nicholas "Extoun" was Mayor and Richard "Odyam" was Chamberlain, on the 24th Jan., 12 Richard II. [A.D. 1388-9], and declared that he had always used the mystery of Vintners and not the mystery of Tymbermongers, as the Masters of the said mystery of Vintners testified. He therefore prayed the Mayor and Aldermen that he might be admitted to the freedom of the City in the mystery of Vintners. His prayer granted at the instance of many good men of the said mystery who personally attended. He gives for his admission 13s. 4d.

*Admissio
Thome Smythe
dicti Stanes in
mister' Vini-
tarior'.*

5 Dec., 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399], came John Bisshop before the said Mayor and Aldermen, having been admitted into the freedom of the City in the mystery of Weavers on the 24th Oct., 47 Edward III. [A.D. 1373], when John Piel was Mayor and John de Cauntebrygge was Chamberlain, and he declared that he had always used the mystery of Vintners and not the mystery of Weavers, as the Masters of the mystery of Vintners testified. He therefore prayed that he might be admitted to the freedom of the City in the mystery of Vintners. His prayer granted.

*Aadmissio
Joh'nis Bisshop
in mister'
Vinitariorum.*

Exemplification of conditions of commercial agreement between merchants of England and merchants of Almaine enrolled in Chancery. Witness the King at Westminster, 6 Dec., 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399].

*Condic'oes int'
mercatores
Anglie et
Almannie.*

- Fo. i b. Writ to the Sheriffs that they make public proclamation of the above agreement. Witness the King at Westminster 8 Dec., 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399].
- Adhuc condic'oes ut antea etc.*
- Exon'ac' Petri Chirche al' dict' Blake Tabler.* 10 Feb., 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399-1400], Peter, son of Matthew de la Cherche, otherwise called Peter "Blake Tabler," discharged by Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., on account of increasing old age.
- Declarac' no'is Drugonis "Barantyn."* 10 March, 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399-1400], came Drew (*Drugo*) "Barentyn," goldsmith, before Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and the Aldermen in the Chamber of the Guildhall, and notified that on the 30th April, 38 Edward III. [A.D. 1364], he was enrolled in the red paper of redemptions of freedoms and apprentices of the City by the name of "Andreas" Barentyn; and afterwards, viz., on the 26th Oct., 44 Edward III. [A.D. 1370], in the black paper of redemptions of freedoms and apprentices was admitted a freeman of the City by the name of "Andreas" Barentyn, owing to the negligence of the writer of the indentures of apprenticeship of the said "Andreas," he believing at the time that "Andreas" was the Latin for *Drugo*—and prayed that he, "*Drugo*," might enjoy the franchise of the City from the date of the said enrolment and admission thenceforth by the name of "*Drugo Barentyn*, citizen and goldsmith," and that everything done or to be done by him in that name might stand good. His prayer granted.¹
- Fo. ii. 11 March, 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399-1400], grant by Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty to Richard Osbarn, clerk of the Chamber of the Guildhall, of two shops and land near Bakwelhalle² in the parish of St. Michael de Bassyngeshawe,³ upon which land a tenement is to be erected as quickly as possible by Stephen Speleman, the City Chamberlain, at the City's expense, the said Richard contributing the
- Concessio facta Ric'o Osbarn de ij shop' et j vac' plac' in Bassyngeshawe.*

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 553-4.

² See 'Cal. Letter - Book H,' p. 449n.

³ This tends to show that "Bassishaw" and "Basinghall" are etymologically the same, as already sug-

gested ('Cal. Letter-Book F,' p. 273n.), and were both named after the family of Basing. The Ward is frequently spelt "Bassyngeshawe." See 'Cal. Letter-Book G,' pp. 60, 285.

sum of 20 marks. To hold the same for a term of fifty years at an annual rent of 40s.

16 March, 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399-1400], William Goring, "webbe," discharged by Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., on account of increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Will'i Goryng
webbe.*

17 March, 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399-1400], Roger atte Hacche, girdler, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Rog'i atte
Hacche Gurde-
lere.*

20 March, 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399-1400], Richard Pecok, armourer, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Ric'i Pecok
armurar'.*

22 March, 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399-1400], Peter Cokerelle, tailor, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Petri Cokerelle
taillour.*

19 March, 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399-1400], the sum of 40 marks delivered by Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and Stephen Spelman, the Chamberlain, to John Longele, draper, executor of John Calthorpe, barber, with the assent of William Clophulle, brewer, her guardian, in trust for Lucy, daughter of the said John Calthorpe. Sureties, viz., Henry Hert, Thomas Glyvyan, drapers, and John Marchaunt, clerk.

*Fo. ii b.
Custod' xl
marcar' Lucie
fil' Johannis
Calthorpe
pentin'.*

Statute of Westminster, 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1399].¹

Fos. ii b-iv b.

10 May, 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400], Richard Bernes de Abertoun, cordwainer, discharged by Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. v.

*Exon'acio
Ric'i Bernes
allutar'.*

20 May, the same year, John Wydmere, "joinour," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Joh'nis Wyd-
mer' joynour.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation forbidding any chaplain, regular or secular (except parochial chaplains in their parishes), to preach publicly or secretly in any chapel or elsewhere in the City unless he be duly admitted by his diocesan, inasmuch as divers heresies were being preached by

*Br'e contra
capellanos sine
auct'e p'dicant'
in eccl'iis.*

¹ See 'Statutes at Large' (ed. 1758), i. 436-444. The statute, as recorded in the Letter-Book, omits caps. iv. and xvii., the former confirming the proceedings of the Parliament held anno 11 Richard II., and the latter confirming Stat. 6 Richard II.

cap. x., which allowed strangers to buy and sell, within the realm, fish and other victuals, in gross or by retail, notwithstanding the letters patent recently granted by the late King to the Fishmongers of London. See 'Cal. Letter-Book II,' p. 447.

unauthorized chaplains. Witness the King at Westminster, 12 May, 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400].

The above duly proclaimed 22 May.

Writ to the Sheriffs and Wardens of passage (*custodibus passagii*) in the Port of the City to make proclamation against any merchant or other of the King's lieges taking any ship, barge, or balinger (*balingeram*) armed for war out of the said Port against the French¹ or any other friends of England, but allowing them to do so against the Scots, who had shown many marks of hostility.² Witness the King at Westminster, 18 June, 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400].

The above duly proclaimed 25 June.

Exon'acio
Ric'i Skete
Brewer.

26 June, 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400], Richard Skete, "brewer," discharged by Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

fo. v b.
Exon'acio
Ricardi
Lokynton
bokbynder.

2 July, 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400], Richard Lokyntone, "bokebynder," similarly discharged for like cause.

Exon'acio Ade
Ratsey civis et
corsour.

23 July, Adam Ratteseye, "corsour," similarly discharged for like cause.

Exon'acio
Ric'i Manhale
talughchaun-
deler.

5 Aug., Richard Manhale, "taulghchaundeler," similarly discharged for like cause.

Exon'acio
Marci Ernelee
civis et groceri.

22 Sept., Mark Ernelee, "grocer," similarly discharged for like cause.

Admissio
Ric'i Reynold
in misteram
vinetarium.

8 Oct., 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400], Richard Reygnold, who had been admitted to the freedom of the City on the 7th April, 17 Richard II. [A.D. 1394], in the mystery of Tailors, with which mystery he was wholly unconnected, prayed Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and the Aldermen that he might be admitted to the freedom of the City as a Vintner. His prayer granted at the instance of good men of the mystery of Vintners.

¹ "A truce had been patched up with France, but peace was not to be looked for." Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' iii. 27.

² In the course of this summer the

King marched north to insist on the homage of Scotland, but returned home without achieving his object. Walsingham, ii. 246.

26 Oct., 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400], Sewal Hodesdone, fish-monger, discharged by Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Sewalli
Hoddesdone
piscenar'.*

16 Oct., 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400], petition to the Mayor and Aldermen by good men of the mistery of Pouchemakers that they may be allowed the rule and supervision of the making of galoches of wood (*galoches de feust*).¹ Their prayer granted.²

fo. vi.
*Supervisus de
Galoches.*

11 May, 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400], in a congregation of Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and an immense Commonalty assembled as a Common Council (*pro communi consilio*) in the upper Chamber of the Guildhall, it was agreed that whensoever William Est, one of the serjeants of the Mayor,³ should cease to hold office he should receive the same fee for life as other serjeants of the Chamber (*ceteri servientes camere*).⁴

*Feod' et offi-
cium Servient'
Carn'e concess'
Will' Est ad
terminum vite.*

20 Sept., 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400], petition by good men of the mistery of Goldbeaters (*Aurimalliatores*) to the Mayor and Aldermen that they may be allowed to elect two Wardens or Masters to govern their mistery, and that those who rebel against such Masters may be punished according to the ordinance made in Letter-Book G, fo. cxxxv[b]. Their prayer granted.

*Ordinacio
mister' de
Goldbeters
concess' et
affirmat'.*

Presentation by Friar John, Abbot of the Monastery of Gerondone, co. Linc., of Friar John de Rither to the chantry founded by Dame Mary de St. Paul, Countess of Pembroke, in the Hermitage near Cripulgate⁵ for the soul of Sir Aymer de Valence, Earl of Pembroke. Dated in the Monastery of Gerondone, the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], A.D. 1399.⁶

*Presentacio ad
cantariam in
heremitag' de
Cripulgate.*

Tuesday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400], in the presence of Thomas Knolles, the Mayor,

fo. vii.
*Eleccio Vice-
comitum.*

¹ Such as were at one time depicted on the arms of the Pouchmakers' Company.

² 'Memorials,' pp. 554-5.

³ In August, 1399, he had been appointed Bailiff of Southwark. 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 447.

⁴ There were usually three Serjeants of the Chamber. 'Lib. Alb.,' i. 49.

⁵ The hermitage was situate in Mugwell (now Monkwell) Street. Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book F,' p. 180.

⁶ 'Memorials,' p. 553. Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book F,' p. 180.

William Walderne and William Hyde, the Sheriffs, Matthew Sutheworth, the Recorder, John Hadlee, John Hende, Richard Whityngtone, Drew Barantyn, Thomas Wilford, William Askeham, William Bramptone, William Venour, John Walcote, and Geoffrey Brook, Aldermen, and an immense Commonalty summoned for the election of Sheriffs at the Guildhall, John Wakelee was elected Sheriff by the Mayor, and William Evote by the Commonalty. Afterwards, viz., on the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], they were sworn at the Guildhall, &c., and on the following Thursday were presented and sworn (*jurati*)¹ before the Barons of the Exchequer.

*Eleccio
Maioris.*

Wednesday the Feast of Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400], in the presence of Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, Matthew Sutheworth, the Recorder, John Wakelee and William Evote, the Sheriffs, John Hadlee, John Hende, Richard Whityngtone, Drew Barantyn, John Wodecok, William Waldern, Thomas Wilford, William Askeham, William Venour, Thomas Polle, William Benwell, John Walcote, John Warner, William Bramptone, and Geoffrey Brook, Aldermen, and an immense Commonalty summoned for the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing, John Fraunceys was elected. Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], in the Guildhall, he was sworn, &c., and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer, &c.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Bere-
faire civis et
armurer
London'.*

18 March, 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400-1], John Berfaire, "armurer," discharged by John Fraunceys, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Indentura
facta int'
Maior' Aldr'
et Co'itatem
Civitatis Lon-
don' et Ricar-
dum Osbarn.*

Indenture of lease by Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty to Richard Osbarn of two shops with adjacent land in the parish of St. Michael de "Bassyngeshawe," situate between the City's tenement called "Bakwelhalle" towards the south, the tenement of Thomas Dystree, mercer, and Johanna his wife, and the City's land and the tenement of the College of the Guildhall Chapel towards the north,

¹ This was unusual, although it | 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' pp. 178-9;
occurs again *infra*, fo. xxx b. See | 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 20.

the tenement of the aforesaid College towards the west, and the high street towards the east. The said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty covenant to erect a tenement on the aforesaid land at the City's cost, except for the sum of 20 marks contributed by the lessee, who is to enjoy the premises for a term of fifty years at an annual rent of 40s. Dated in the Chamber of the Guildhall the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400].

Letter from John Fraunceys, the Mayor, and Stephen Speleman, the Chamberlain, to Robert [Braybrook], Bishop of London, notifying that John Horewode, Rector of the church of All Saints, "Esthanyfeld,"¹ and John de Draycote, *alias* Baron, chaplain of one of the five chantries in the Guildhall Chapel of St. Mary, had agreed to exchange benefices, and presenting the former to the said chantry. Dated 21 April, A.D. 1401.

l'ro. vii.
*P'sentacio ex
causa permuta-
cio'is facte
int' d'nos
Joh'em Hore-
wode Rectorem
ecc'lie de Est-
hanyfeld et
Joh'em Dray-
cote capell'm
unius cantar'
juxta Guilhald'
civitat' Lon-
don'.*

16 April, 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1401], Simon Godrich, cordwainer, discharged by John Fraunceys, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Simonis Gode-
rich civis et
allutar' Lon-
don'.*

20 April, 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1401], petition to John Fraunceys, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, by good men of the mistery of Fullers, for an ordinance to be made forbidding any fuller or other person sending cloth to the mills near the City² that had not first been cleaned and washed, under penalty of paying 13s. 4d., one-half to go to the Chamber of the Guildhall and the other half to the mistery. The petition granted.

*Ordinacio
mistere de
Fullers.*

18 May, 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1401], came John Higyn and John Wolfey, executors of Gilbert Prynce, late painter, and delivered to Stephen Speleman, the Chamberlain, the sum of £100 belonging to John, son of the said Gilbert, and another sum of £100 belonging to Johanna, daughter of the said Gilbert, in trust for the same.

*Custodia
pueror' Gilb'ti
Prynce.*

¹ East Hanningfield, co. Essex.

² These mills were situated at Wandsworth, Old Ford, Stratford,

and Enfield. See 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 37.

Fo. vii b.

*Exon'acio
custod' p'dict'
Joh'e.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 12th Nov., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], the aforesaid Stephen Speleman, late Chamberlain, delivered to John Proffyt, the then Chamberlain, the sum of £100 belonging to the aforesaid Johanna.

Afterwards, viz., on the 12th Nov., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], it was adjudged by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen that the aforesaid money should be delivered to Thomas, son of Thomas Coggeshall, of co. Essex, who had married the said Johanna.

18 May, 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1401], the above executors of Gilbert Prynce delivered to William Erntone, mercer, with whom the aforesaid John Prynce had been bound apprentice, the sum of 10 marks left for the purpose by Gilbert Prynce.

Afterwards, viz., on the 31st Aug., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], came the said John, being of full age, and acknowledged satisfaction for the sum of £100 due to him.

*Exoneracio
Ricardi Wode-
ham qui fuit
apprenticius
Rad'i Martyn.*

8 June, 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1401], Richard Wodeham, who was apprentice of Ralph Martyn, "sherman," discharged by John Fraunceys, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to his infirmities.

*Ordinaunce
des Brocours.*

Ordinance made anno 2 Henry IV. forbidding any one to meddle with brokerage, "chevaunce," or exchange except English brokers chosen by the misteries of the City and accepted and sworn by the Mayor and Aldermen, under penalty of paying £100 to the Chamber.¹

Fo. viii.

Names of Brokers (*Correctiers*) elected by divers misteries of the City and presented to John Fraunceys, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and accepted and sworn, viz.:—

By the Grocers: Guy Laurence, Richard Nevyle, Simon Berde, Roger Harlestone, Thomas Pateswyk.

By the Mercers: Robert Speke, Roger Guy, John Bynde.

By the Fishmongers: John Gerard, Robert Rose.

By the Ironmongers: Thomas Launde.

¹ According to a note appended | sixth folio preceding at a certain
by the scribe, the proclamation of | mark, but the reference is not cor-
this ordinance is recorded on the | rect.

By the "Drapers": John Traylle, Thomas Overay.

By the "Vintners": Richard Ryner.

By the Skinners: William Multone.

17 Feb., 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400-1], Richard Punchard, goldsmith, discharged by John Fraunceys, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Ric'i Punchard
aur'.*

9 March, 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400-1], came John, son of Robert Pynner, who had been apprentice to William Rodland, "Netmaker," and been admitted to the freedom of the City when John Warde was Mayor and William Eynesham was Chamberlain (viz., on the 14th Jan., 49 Edward III.), and prayed John Fraunceys, the Mayor, and the Aldermen that he might be admitted to the freedom of the City in the mistery of Salters, he having for a long time past used that mistery, and not the mistery of Netmaker. His prayer granted, and he pays for his admission 10s., &c.

*Admissio
Joh'is fil'
Rob'ti Pynner
et de London'
in mister' de
Salters.*

15 March, 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400-1], Richard Mildenhale cordwainer, discharged by John Fraunceys, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Ric'i Milden-
hale allutar'.*

18 March, Thomas Bristowe, "fustour," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Thome Brys-
towe Fustour.*

18 March, 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400-1], petition to the Mayor and Aldermen by good men of the mistery of "Joynours" that they may be allowed to elect two Wardens to rule the mistery, and that certain ordinances may be approved. Their petition granted.

*Billa de
Joignours.*

Writ to Sheriffs, Mayors, Bailiffs, &c., not to molest the citizens of London in the enjoyment of their chartered rights. Witness the King at Westminster, 5 Sept., 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400].

*Fo. viii b.
Br'e fact' de
Theolonio non
solvend' et sup'
al' lib't Lon-
don'.*

Writ to the Mayor bidding him to levy forthwith the sum of 100s. on the tenants of property in the City belonging to the Hospital of St. Giles,¹ for the benefit of the lepers therein, who were in want of maintenance owing to pending litigation in the

*Br'e pro
leprosis Sancti
Egidii.*

¹ In October, 1380, the Aldermen were ordered to make a return of the property of St. Giles' Hospital lying in their respective Wards. 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 155.

King's Court. Witness the King at Westminster, 16 March, 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400-1].

Fo. ix.

*Suscep' denar'
juxta form'
p'dict' b'ris et
compotus inde.*

Pursuant to the above writ Richard Jargevyle received the sum of 100s. 5*d.* of rents of the said Hospital, the same being collected from John Fraunceys, the Mayor, Laurence Durem, William Vannere, grocer, John atte Corner, Thomas Say, vintner, Richard Stile, fishmonger, Richard Brangweyn, and the Prior and Convent of St. Bartholomew near Westesmethefelde, and on the 4th April, the same year, 100s. thereof were distributed among certain lepers, viz., Thomas Burgeys, John Pastone, John Hilling, Richard Pecok, and Brian Middeltone.

*Ordinacio
mister' dez
Steynours.*

18 March, 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400-1], petition presented to the Mayor and Aldermen by good men of the mistery of Steynours that they may be allowed (*inter alia*) to choose yearly two good men to govern the mistery and punish those who unlawfully stain cloth for sale, &c. Their petition granted.

Fos. ix b-
xii b.

Statute of Westminster, 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400-1],¹ [*De heretico comburendo*].

Fo. xii b.

*Br'e de cs.
levand' de ten'
leprosor' et
eisdem leprosis
pro eor' susten-
tac' lib'and'.*

Another writ to the Mayor to levy 100s. on the tenants of property in the City belonging to the Hospital of St. Giles, for the benefit of the lepers therein. Witness the King at Westminster, 17 May, 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1401].

*Execucio br'is
predicti.*

Pursuant to the above writ Richard Jargevile, Serjeant to the Mayor, raised 101s. iiij*d.* by various sums from William Kenet, saddler, William Poule, "botelmaker," Richard Leycestre, "barbour," William Ermyn, clerk, Walter Donemowe, William Godes, butcher, William Lylye, "pewtrer," John Fraunceys, the Mayor, and from the Master of the Hospital of St. Bartholomew, and on the 9th July he distributed 100s. of the amount so raised among the said lepers.

[Fos. xiii.-xiii b blank.]

¹ Printed in 'Statutes at Large,' i. 445-453. The Parliament which sat from 20 Jan. to 10 March, 1401, was chiefly remarkable for its drastic treatment of the Lollards, as testified

by cap. xv. of this statute. By its terms the impenitent heretic, convicted by the spiritual court, was to be delivered over to the officers of the secular law to be burnt.

Thursday the Feast of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1401], in the presence of John Fraunceys, the Mayor, William Venour and William Framelyngham, the Sheriffs, John Hadlee, William Staundone, Richard Whityngtone, Drew Barantyn, Thomas Knolles, William Parker, John Wodecok, William Askham, William Bramptone, William Walderne, John Walcote, Geoffrey Brook, John "Wakeles," William Reynwelle, Thomas Polle, and Thomas Wilford, Aldermen, and an immense Commonalty, John Shadworth was elected Mayor for the year ensuing. Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], he was sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer.

Fo. xiv.

*Eleccio
Johannis Shad-
worth Maior².*

1 Dec., 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1401], came William de Coventre, "pynner," son of Thomas de Coventre, before John Shadworth, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, having been admitted to the freedom of the City and sworn on the 14th October, anno 41 Edward III. [A.D. 1367], when John Lovekyn was Mayor and John de Cauntbrigge was Chamberlain, and he declared that for a long time past he had been using, and still used, the mistery of Mercers, and not the mistery of Pynners, as the Masters of the mistery of Mercers testify. He prayed, therefore, that he might be admitted to the freedom of the City in the mistery of Mercers. His prayer granted at the instance of many good men of the said mistery. He gives for his admission 20s.

*Admissio
Will² Coventre
in mister² de
Mercers.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on Monday before the Feast of the Purification [2 Feb.].¹ No Sheriff to be returned. Witness the King at Westminster, 2 Dec., 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1401].

*Br'e pro par-
liament².*

24 Feb., 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1401-2], John, son of William Page, of Clifton, co. Oxon, citizen and draper, discharged by John Shadworthe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exoneracio
Johannis Page
pannarii.*

¹ The Parliament ought to have met on the 29th Jan., 1402, but no return of members is recorded in the

Letter-Book, and if it ever sat, it has left no traces of its proceedings.

*Exoneracio
Thome "Fel-
ton" fourbour.*

The same day, Thomas "Melton," "fourbour," similarly discharged for like cause.

Fo. xiv b.
*Custodia
pueror³ Nichⁱ
Exton etc.*

20 Nov., 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1401], the guardianship of Elizabeth and Agnes, children of Nicholas Extone,¹ together with their property, committed by John Shadworth, the Mayor, and Stephen Speleman, the Chamberlain, with the assent of John Wade, fishmonger, executor of the said Nicholas, to John Cokayn, Chief Baron of the Exchequer. Sureties, viz., John Warner, "irmonger," Richard Forster, Henry Pountfreyt, William Tristour, and John Lambourn, saddlers (*cellarii*).

*Admissio
Rob^ti "Ar-
nold" in mis-
ter³ Grossar³.*

13 March, 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1401-2], came Robert "Arnald," "haberdassher," before John Shadworth, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, having been admitted to the freedom of the City on the 14th December, 8 Richard II. [A.D. 1384], when Nicholas Brembre was Mayor and Richard Odyham was Chamberlain, and he declared that for a long time past he had been using, and still used, the mistery of Grocers, and not the mistery of Haberdashers, as the Masters of the former mistery testify. He prayed therefore that he might be admitted to the freedom of the City in the mistery of Grocers. His prayer granted at the instance of many good men of the said mistery. He gives for admission 13s. 4d.

*Exon^oacio
bon³ et cal³
Will^o Horne
bertinen³.*

5 May, 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], Stephen Speleman, the Chamberlain, delivered in court to William, son of William Horn, late citizen and skinner, now of full age, the sum of 10 marks and a girdle of silver, harnessed, kept in trust for him.

Fo. xv.
*Recogn³ Joh³ne
que fuit ux³
Joh³ Shiryng
de £x.*

31 March, 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], came Johanna, late wife of John Shiryng, girdler, before the Mayor and Aldermen, and covenanted under bond to pay the sum of £10 to Agnes and Isabella her daughters, as marriage portion. Sureties, viz., John London and Thomas Pernell, girdlers.

¹ He married Johanna, widow of John Gille. 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' pp. 160-1. Extone's will, dated October 24, 1393, was proved and en-

rolled in the Court of Husting in January, 1401-2. 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust.,' ii. 352.

31 Jan., 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1401-2], came Martin Godard, "cutler," one of the executors of John Godard,¹ late goldsmith, and delivered to Stephen Speleman, the Chamberlain, a sum of money belonging to Katherine and Anne, daughters of the said John; and the same day the guardianship of the said daughters and of their property was committed by John Shadworth, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the said Chamberlain, with the assent of the said Martin, to William Sudbury, draper, who married Cecilia, widow of the said John Godard. Sureties, viz., Thomas Weylond, John Boteler, draper, John Pound, "pouche-maker."

Custod'
pueror' Joh'is
Godard auri-
fabri.

Afterwards, viz., on the 4th October, 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], came Peter Wymondham, draper, who, with the assent of John Walcote, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, had married the above Katherine, and acknowledged satisfaction for his wife's portion.

Afterwards, viz., on the 2nd April, 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], came Thomas Wysshe, draper, who, with the assent of William Staundone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, had married the above Anne, and acknowledged similar satisfaction.

Precept, under the Mayoralty Seal, to the Aldermen that they cause the inhabitants of their several Wards to lay in a store of corn, &c., in view of the threatened scarcity.² Dated 31 March, 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402].

Fo. xv b.

Provisio facta
contra caris-
tiam Bladi.

12 May, 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], the guardianship of Thomas, son of John Kentoys, late "peautrer," committed to Thomas Fulham, who married Margaret his mother. Sureties, viz., John Mapelisdene, senior, and Simon Ingram, "lyndraper."

Custod' Thome
fil' Joh'is
Kentoys
peautrer.

Afterwards, viz., on the 5th May, 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], came the above Thomas, being of full age, and acknowledged satisfaction for his patrimony.

¹ From his will, dated 20 Feb., 1398-9, and proved and enrolled in the Court of Husting in June, 1399, it appears that Martin was a brother of the testator. 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust.,' ii. 339-40.

² Wheat was selling at 16 shillings a quarter. Gregory's 'Chron.,' p. 103. This price is probably more correct than 16 *pence*, as recorded in MS. Julius B. ii. See Kingsford's 'Chronicles of London,' p. 63.

- Fo. xvi. Letters Patent under the Great Seal granting to the Mayor and Commonalty the custom and subsidy issuing from wool, woolfells, and leather leaving the Port of London, by way of repayment of two several loans to the King of 2,000 marks. Dated at Westminster, 11 April, 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402].
- Securitas pro quatuor mille libr' [sic] d'no Regi prestitis et mutuatis.*
- Fo. xvi b. Recognizance by Edmund [Stafford], Bishop of Exeter, Henry [Bowet], Bishop of Bath, Henry [Percy], Earl of Northumberland, and Thomas Langeley, clerks, for payment of the sum of 4,000 marks to the Mayor and Commonalty by Christmas next. Dated 12 April, 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402].
- Obligacion des diverses seigneurs par les deux [sic] mill' marcz.*
- Defesaunces sur la obligation auant dicte.*
- 20 Sept., 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], agreed and ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen that in elections of Aldermen thenceforth to be made there should be named and chosen four¹ of the more honest and sufficient citizens of the City, of whom the one most fit to support the honour and charge of the City, according to the discretion and sound consciences of the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being, should be admitted and sworn to execute the same office, as is more fully contained in the ordinance thereon lately made in the time of Richard Whityngtone, as in book H, fo. cccxiiij, it appears.²
- Fo. xvii. Acquittance by the Mayor and Commonalty for the sum of 4,000 marks formerly lent to the King, and surrender of the "foille" of the seal called "Coket," which had been delivered to them upon the customs of the Port of London being granted to them as security.
- Acquitaunce de quatre mill' marcz rescoux par les Mair et Audermans.*

¹ Cf. *infra*, fo. ccxlix.

² Referring to the ordinance of 1397, which prescribed the return of at least *two* good and discreet men of the Ward that was destitute of an Alderman, either of whom (*quorum alter*) was to be fit as regards morals and property to be a judge and Alderman of the City ('Cal. Letter-Book II,'

p. 436). This ordinance of 1402 was formally repealed by Act of Common Council in 1711, which enacted (*inter alia*) that return should in future be made by the Ward of two persons, and no more, viz., one Alderman and one able and sufficient citizen and freeman of the City not being an Alderman. Journal 55, fo. 261 b.

23 Nov., 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], in a congregation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council in the Upper Chamber of the Guildhall, John Weston, Common Pleader, showed on behalf of the City and of a certain John Bourere, "turnour," that whereas, according to the customs of the City hitherto used and approved, one citizen was not allowed to implead another citizen outside the City, for causes arising within the City, without permission of the Mayor or Warden: nevertheless, a certain Richard Coggeshale, saddler, who had for a long time been in litigation with the said John Bourere in the King's Courts of the City, had, on the 13th May, 1 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400], under the assumed name of Richard Wasp, fraudulently prosecuted the said John in the City of York, so that he was made an outlaw. The said Common Pleader prayed that the said Richard might be examined on the matter.

*Abjudicacio
lib' tatis Ric'i
Coggeshale pro
eo quod ipse
lib' civil' im-
pl'it' alium
lib' extra civil'
in com' forins'
licenc' non
optent' etc.*

Thereupon the said Richard Coggeshale declared that Thomas Knolles, when he was Mayor, had given him permission to prosecute the said John Bourere at common law outside the City, as could be proved by testimony of John Marchaunt, the Common Clerk of the City, and William Est and Richard "Jarpenvylle," Serjeants to the Mayor. These, however, being examined, testified to the contrary. He was, therefore, condemned to lose the franchise of the City and to be committed, as a foreigner, to the King's prison of Newgate, and Stephen Speleman, the Chamberlain, was instructed not to allow him to keep open shop within the liberty of the City.

23 Nov., 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], the ordinance touching the form of election of Aldermen recorded *supra* [fo. xvi b] approved by the Common Council.

*Fo. xvii b.
De eleccione
Aldremannor'.*

6 May, 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], Richard Statham, Thomas Tykhille, and Thomas Nekton, tailor, administrators of the goods of William Bowyer, tailor, delivered to Stephen Speleman, the Chamberlain, divers sums of money in trust for Alice, daughter of the said William. The guardianship of the said Alice and of her property committed by John Shadworth, the Mayor, and Aldermen, and the aforesaid Chamberlain, to William Pountfreyt,

*Custodia Alicie
filie Will'i
Bowyer civis
et cissor' Lon-
don'.*

skinner. Sureties, viz., William Tristour, saddler, and Henry Barton, skinner.

*Custodia filior'
Steph'i Maplis-
dene civis et
aur' Lond'.*

5 May, 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], the guardianship of John and William, sons of Stephen Maplisdene, late goldsmith, committed to Reymund Standelf, goldsmith, who married their mother. Sureties, viz., John Standelf and Gregory Cressy, goldsmiths.

Fo. xviii.

Afterwards, viz., on the 26th Feb., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410-11], the above John Standelf delivered to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, a sum of money bequeathed to the said orphans.

*Compotus
Joh'is Tyddes-
bury civis et
pellipar' Lon-
don'.*

10 June, 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], account rendered by John Tyddesbury, skinner, before John Walcote and William Walderne, Aldermen, and William Marchesford and Robert Chichely, Commoners, auditors appointed by John Shadworth, the Mayor, for the time that he was guardian of Johanna the elder, and Johanna the younger, his daughters, and of the money left to them by John Leycestre, their uncle.¹

*Exon'acio
Henrici Porter
civis et Pye-
baker' London'.*

25 Aug., 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], Henry Porter, "pibaker," discharged by John Shadworth, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Thome Cotoun
Bowyer.*

13 Sept., the same year, Thomas Cotoun, bowyer, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Johannis Bur-
nell civis et
allutar'.*

16 Sept., the same year, John Burnel of co. Suffolk, cordwainer, similarly discharged for like cause.

Fo. xviii b.
*Exon'acio
Joh'is Lakford
civis et capper
London'.*

18 March, 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1401-2], John Lakford, "capper," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Br'e d'ni Regis
direct' vic'
London' pro
parlamento
tenend' apud
Westm'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on the morrow of the Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.]. No Sheriff to be returned. Witness the King at Westminster, 19 June, 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402].

¹ See 'Cal. Letter-Book II,' p. 410.

Another writ, notifying the prorogation of Parliament until the morrow of St. Michael [29 Sept.].¹ Witness the King at Westminster, 14 Aug., 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402].

*Item aliud br'e
direct' vic' Lon-
don' super con-
tinuacione par-
liamenti
p'dicti.*

Pursuant to the above writ, John Hadlee and William Parker, Aldermen, and John Prophete and William Nortone, Commoners, were elected to attend the Parliament.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to the effect that whereas Thomas Chaucer,² the King's Chief Butler, to whom appertains the exercise of the office of Coroner in the City, is concerned with matters in divers parts of the realm by the King's command, so that he has no leisure to execute the duties of Coroner, the King therefore bids them to admit John Ballye, whom the said Thomas had appointed as his substitute. Witness the King at Westminster, 9 Nov., 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402].

*Br'e d'ni Regis
'direct' Maiori
et vic' London'
pro admissione
Thome Chaucer
[sic] ad officium
Coronatoris
London'.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs touching subsidies granted by the last Parliament [*ends abruptly*].

*Br'e d'ni Regis
Maiori et vic'
London' direct'
pro dec' et
quinta decima
levand'.*

Recital of a codicil to the will of William Hyde, late grocer, touching a bequest of £500 in trust for William his son, and of the guardianship of his said son and his property having been committed on the 20th Sept., 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], by John Shadworth, the Mayor, and Stephen Speleman, the Chamberlain, to William Pycard, John Drewe, and William Symmes, grocers, executors of the testator; Nicholas Wottone, woolmonger, William Sevenoke and Robert Fitz Robert, grocers, being sureties. Mention made of Aubrey, the testator's wife.

*Fo. xix.
Custod' r'
libr' pertin'
Will' filio
Will'i Hyde
Grocer'.*

Afterwards, viz. on the 5th June, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], came the above orphan, and acknowledged that he had

¹ Sat from 30 Sept. to 25 Nov.

² Recent discoveries by Dr. Scott (late Keeper of the Manuscripts in the British Museum) among the Sacrist's Rolls at Westminster Abbey leave little room for doubt that this Thomas Chaucer was son of the poet.

He was a Member of Parliament, and was five times elected Speaker; ob. 14 March, 1434. See 'Life-Records of Chaucer' (Chaucer Soc.), part iv. p. 330 n. The marginal note is clearly not correct.

received the above sum of £500 from William Pycard and William Symmes.

*Recognicio
Will'i Pycard
Joh'is Drezv et
iWill'i Symmes
cives et Groceri
London' [sic].*

22 Sept., 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], bond of indemnity entered into by the above executors in favour of the above sureties.

Fo. xix b.

Grant by John Shadworth, the Mayor, the Aldermen and Commonalty to John Brounesbury, Thomas Sampson, Thomas Martyn, junior, Henry Edward, Elias Broun, Robert Edward, Laurence Bold, and Richard Langford, butchers of Estchepe, and their successors, butchers of the same, of a certain Lane called "Bethereslane,"¹ situate in the parishes of St. Magnus and St. Botolph, near the tenements of Gilbert Maughfeld and Henry Boseworth, with licence to build a bridge (*pontem*) over the Thames with houses thereon, whence they may cast offal, &c., into the Thames at ebb-tide according to a Statute promulgated at Winchester, *temp.* Richard the Second.² To hold the same at an annual rent of 13s. 4d. to be paid to the Chamberlain of the City. Dated in the Chamber of the Guildhall, 12 May, 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402].

*Eleccio
Maioris.*

28 Oct.,³ 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], in the presence of John Shadworth, the Mayor, Matthew Southeworth, the Recorder,

¹ Probably a mistake for "Rethereslane," so called from "rother," *i.e.*, a horned beast. The cattle market at Stratford-on-Avon is known as the "Rother market." The lane is described by Stow as stretching from Thames Street to Little Eastcheap, and as being commonly known in his day as Pudding Lane, "because the butchers of Eastcheap have their scalding house for hogs there, and their puddings, with other filth of beasts, are voided down that way to their dung boats on the Thames." Stow, 'Survey' (Thoms's ed.), p. 79.

² See 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 392.

³ *Vicesimo octavo die Octobr'.* The date of the Mayor's being sworn into office has been here substituted

(apparently) for the date of his election. The 28th Oct. (the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude) had been the customary day of election down to 1346, when an order was made for the election to take place on Oct. 13th (the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward). 'Cal. Letter-Book F,' p. 304. In 1365, however, an order was made to revert to the old day of election, but this order was only observed for three years, after which the election continued to take place (with the exception apparently of the occasion here recorded) on the 13th Oct. until 1546, when it was ordered that in future the election should take place on Michaelmas Day. See 'Cal. Letter-Book G,' p. 198.

John Hende, Thomas Knolles, John Fraunceys, Robert Chichele [and] Richard Merlowe, the Sheriffs, John Wodecok, William Venour, John Wakelee, Thomas Polle, William Askham, William Bramptone, William Fremelyngham, Thomas Fauconer, John Warner, William Waldern, Geoffrey Brook, Aldermen, and an immense Commonalty [summoned] for the election of a Mayor, John Walcote was elected Mayor for the year ensuing. Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], he was sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer.

Statute passed by the Parliament which met at Westminster on the morrow of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402].¹ Fos. xx-xxiii.

Indenture of lease by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty to John Halle, goldsmith, Simon Sewalle, saddler, and Geoffrey Wovere, Churchwardens of St. Peter's in Westchepe, and the parishioners of the same, of two plots of land belonging to the Commonalty, near the wall of the said church, for a term of 50 years, at an annual rent of 13s. 4d. Dated in the Chamber of the Guildhall, 1 Sept., 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402]. Fo. xxiii.
Stall' subtus murum eccl'ie Sancti Petri de Westechepe.

17 Nov., 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], came Thomas Dufhous, brewer, before John Walcote, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, having been admitted to the freedom of the City when Edward Dalyngrugge was Warden and Stephen Speleman was Chamberlain, on the 13th July, 16 Richard II. [A.D. 1392], and he declared that he had long used, and was now using, the mistery of Fishmonger and not that of Brewer, as the Masters of the said mistery of Fishmongers testified. He therefore prayed to be admitted to the freedom of the City in the said mistery of Fishmongers. His prayer granted.² *Admissio Thome Dufhous in mister' Piscenarior'.*

18 Dec., 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], came William Reynold of Bordeaux, fuller, before the same, having been admitted to the freedom of the City when John Hadlee was Mayor and Stephen Speleman was Chamberlain, in full Husting, on Monday Fo. xxiii b.
Admissio Will'i Reynold in mister' Vinetarior'.

¹ See 'Statutes at Large' (ed. 1758), i. 453-64. The statute chiefly concerned the privileges of the clergy. | ² Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 555-6. See also 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 390.

after the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 17 Richard II. [A.D. 1393], and he declared that he had long used, and was now using, the mistery of Vintner and not that of Fuller, as the Masters of the mistery of Fullers [*sic*] testified. He therefore prayed to be admitted to the freedom of the City in the said mistery of Vintners. His prayer granted.

*Exon'acio
Ricardi Gil-
bert, dyer.*

1 Feb., 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402-3], Richard "Gilberd," dyer, discharged by John Walcote, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, from serving on juries, &c., owing to bodily infirmities.

*Quadragesima
marc' pui is
Nich' Exton'
part' delib'at'
Steph'o Spele-
man etc.*

10 Feb., 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402-3], John Cokayn, Chief Baron of the Exchequer, and John Warner, "irmonger," Richard Forster, Henry Pountfreyt, William Tristour and John Lamburne, saddlers, sureties for the said John Cokayn, delivered to Stephen Speleman, the Chamberlain, 40 marks in part payment of 400 marks, in trust for the children of Nicholas Extone, and on the 23rd April following they delivered another sum of 20 marks.

*Custodia pue-
ror' Johannis
Cowlyngge.*

1 March, 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402-3], the guardianship of Geoffrey and Johanna, children of John Cowlyngge, late grocer, together with their property, committed to Robert Downe, grocer, who married Catherine, widow of the said John. Sureties, viz., Thomas Sibsey, tailor, Gilbert Wodeway, skinner, William Fynch, "wexchaundeler," and Thomas Thomekyn.

*Fo. xxiv.
Exon'ac' Elie
Broun civis et
carnific' Lon-
don'.*

2 March, 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402-3], Elias Broun, butcher, discharged by John Walcote, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Br'e pro Coro-
natore.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to admit John de Poke-lyngtone to the office of Deputy-Coroner, inasmuch as Thomas Chaucer, the King's Chief Butler, to whom the office of Coroner of the City appertains, was engaged on the King's business in divers parts of the realm.

*Exon'acio
Will'i Cham-
berleyn civis et
Scissors Lon-
don'.*

29 March, 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], William Chamberleyn, tailor, discharged by John Walcote, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

9 April, 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], came John "de" Denever, merchant, son of John Withe de Denever, co. Norfolk, and apprentice to Robert Virly, merchant, who had been admitted into the freedom of the City¹ when John Warde was Mayor and William Eynsham was Chamberlain, on the 11th July, 50 Edward III. [A.D. 1376], and he declared before John Walcote, the Mayor, and the Aldermen that he had long been using, and was now using, the mistery of Ironmonger. He therefore prayed that he might be admitted into the freedom of the City in the said mistery of Ironmongers. His prayer granted, at the instance of many good men of that mistery.

*Admissio
Joh'is Denever
in mister' fer-
ronum: etc.*

16 May, 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], Thomas Couper, brother of Robert de Bedyngtone, co. Surrey, sometime an apprentice to Richard Wyddene, "couper," discharged by John Walcote, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Rob'ti de Bed-
yngtone² civis
et couper.*

Letters patent appointing John Warner, Thomas Fauconer, William Sevenoke, and Thomas Extone to be commissioners for levying the subsidy granted by the last Parliament in the several Wards of the City. Witness the King at Westminster, 5 Dec., 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402].

Fo. xxiv b.

*Br'e d'ni Regis
direct' pro
dec' et quinta-
dec' levand'
infra Wardas
Lond'.*

16 June, 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], ordinances of the mistery of Flecchers made by John Walcote, the Mayor, and the Aldermen,³ permitting [*inter alia*] the election of Wardens to survey the mistery, and forbidding the sale of anything appertaining to the mistery to any alien without the King's special permission.⁴

*Ordinacio
mister' de
Flecchers.*

12 July, 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], ordinances submitted to John Walcote, the Mayor, and the Aldermen by good men of the mistery of Writers of Text-letter (*litere text*), commonly called "Illuminators,"⁵ and other good men who are wont to

Fo. xxv.

*Ordinacio
mistere Scrip-
tor' l're text
Illuminator' et
alior' utencium
ligare et ven-
dere libros.*

¹ Possibly through the Mercers' Company, his master being a merchant (*mercator*), a term synonymous with mercer.

² Evidently a mistake.

³ Usually the ordinances of a mis-

tery were formulated by the good folk of the mistery and submitted to the Mayor and Aldermen for approval.

⁴ Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 556-7.

⁵ Or "Lymenours."

bind and sell books, to the effect [*inter alia*] that they may yearly elect two reputable men, one a "lymenour" and the other a text-writer (*escriveyn text*), to be Wardens of the mistery, who may punish those who rebel according to the general ordinance recorded in Letter-Book C, fo. cxxxv. The ordinances approved.¹

Fo. xxv b. 4 Aug., 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], the guardianship of Agnes, daughter of Nicholas Extone, committed by John Walcote, the Mayor, and Stephen Speleman, the Chamberlain, with the assent of John Cokayn, Chief Baron of the Exchequer, to John Wade, fishmonger. Sureties, viz., Thomas Extone, goldsmith, John Stachesdene, fishmonger, Richard Style, junior, William Wodeward, "foundour," and William Chaumbre, clerk.

*Exon'acio
Will'i Gyffard
civis et pelli-
par' London'.* 7 Sept., 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], William Gyffard, skinner, discharged by John Walcote, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Joh' Willyam
civis et pelli-
par' London'.* 17 Sept., the same year, John Willyam of Cornwall, citizen and skinner, similarly discharged for like cause.

Fo. xxvi. 28 Sept., 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], the guardianship of William, son of John Osborn, "stokfysshmonger," together with the sum of 200 marks given to him by Margery his mother pursuant to the will of the said John, committed by John Walcote, the Mayor, and the Aldermen to Henry Haltone, grocer, who married the aforesaid Margery. Sureties, viz., John Creek, tailor, and Robert Haxstone, grocer.

Afterwards, viz., on the 14th Dec., 4 Henry VI. [A.D. 1425], came the aforesaid orphan, being of full age, and received his property from John Bederenden, the Chamberlain.

*Custod' pueror'
Gilb'ti Piry-
man sporyer
London'.* 10 March, 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402-3], the guardianship of Alice, Margery, Thomas, and Walter, children of Gilbert Piryman, late "sporyer," together with their patrimony, committed by John Walcote, the Mayor, and Stephen Speleman, the Chamberlain, to Ralph Burwell, "wolpakker," who married Matilda their mother. Sureties, viz., John Horold and Thomas Colshulle, "wolpakkers."

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 557-8.

27 Oct., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], John Aldrychessay, otherwise called "Clerk," butcher, discharged by John Walcote, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. xxvi b.
*Exon'acio
Joh'is Ald-
richessay civis
et carnific'
London'.*

Thursday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], in the presence of John Walcote, the Mayor, John Hadlee, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knolles, John Fraunceys, William Venour, William Walderne, John Wodecok, Richard Merlawe, Henry Pountfreyt, and William Crowmer, Aldermen, and an immense Commonalty at the Guildhall, Thomas Polle was elected Sheriff for the year ensuing by the Mayor, and Thomas Fauconer by the Commonalty.

*Eleccio vice-
comitum.*

Afterwards, viz., on the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], the said Sheriffs were sworn at the Guildhall, and on Monday next after the said eve were presented before the Barons of the Exchequer at Westminster.

The eve¹ of the Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], in the presence of John Walcote, the Mayor, Matthew Southworth, the Recorder, John Hadlee, Thomas Knolles, John Fraunceys, John Shadworth, the Prior of Holy Trinity, Thomas Polle and Thomas Fauconer, the Sheriffs, Richard Merlawe, William Framelyngham, William Venour, Geoffrey Brook, John Wakele, William Bramptone, Robert Chichelee, William Waldern, William Crowmer, and Henry Pountfreyt, Aldermen, and an immense Commonalty at the Guildhall, William Askham was elected Mayor for the year ensuing.

*Eleccio
Maioris.*

Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], he was sworn, and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer.

¹ Why the election of a Mayor | instead of the 13th Oct.—the latter
should have taken place on the 12th | day falling on Saturday—is not clear.

Fos. xxvii-
xxviii.

*Commissio
sup' diversis
subsid' d' no
R' concess' in
parlamento.*

Letters patent reciting particulars of a subsidy¹ granted to the King for military purposes by the Parliament which commenced to sit at Westminster on the morrow of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403-4],² and appointing the Sheriffs of London, together with John Warner, Alderman, Nicholas Wottone, Alderman, William Nortone, William Louthe, John Whatelee, and Henry Haltone, to be commissioners for inquiring as to the names of those liable to contribute to the subsidy; whilst the said John Warner, Nicholas Wottone, William Nortone, and William "de" Louthe were appointed to levy the money and pay it over to John Oudeby, clerk, John Hadeley, Thomas Knolles, and Richard Merlowe, Treasurers of the King's Wars (*Thesaurariis guerrarum nostrarum*). Witness the King at Westminster, 24 March, 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403-4].

Fo. xxviii.

*Exon'acio
Rob'ti Sudbury
civis et allutar'
London'.*

28 April, 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], Robert Sudbury, cordwainer, discharged by William Askham, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acie
Will'i Comb-
ton civis et
pellipar' Lon-
don'.*

30 April, 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], William Combertone, skinner, similarly discharged for like cause.

¹ The particulars of this novel and extraordinary subsidy (*taxa nova et exquisita*, as one chronicler calls it; *taxa insolita et incolis tricabilis et valde gravis*, according to another) are set out in 'Annales Henrici Quarti' (Rolls Series, No. 28, pt. iii. pp. 379-81). Walsingham refrained from recording them in his history, on the ground that those who were responsible for the grant were ashamed of it, and relates that it was only made on condition that it was not to become a precedent, and that all record of such a grant having been made should be destroyed ('Hist. Angl.,' ii. 260). The novelty of the grant lay in the proposal that a shilling should be paid on every pound's

worth of land, and that the sum so raised (as well as that from other impositions) should be handed over to four Treasurers of War (three of whom were citizens of London), especially appointed, instead of to the King's ministers. A sum of £12,000 out of the subsidy was, however, placed at the King's own disposal, with the promise of a further sum of £3,000 under certain conditions. Cf. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' iii. 45.

² A Parliament was originally summoned to meet at Coventry on the 3rd Dec., 1403 (*vide infra*, fo. xxix b), but was afterwards ordered to meet at Westminster in January, 1404 (*infra*, fo. xxxv b).

4 June, 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], William Mortone, tailor, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Will'i Mortone
civis et cissoris
London'.*

Letters patent for the repayment of a loan of £2,000 made by the Mayor and Commonalty to the King for putting down the rebellion in Wales, out of a moiety of the tenth granted by the Clergy in Convocation last held in St. Paul's.¹ Witness the King at Westminster, 26 Oct., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403].

Fo. xxviii b.
*Securitas duar'
mill' libr' [sic]
d'no R' prestit'.*

Letters patent certifying that the King had ordered his Treasurers of War to repay the above City loan out of the subsidy granted by the Parliament held at Westminster the morrow of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] last past, for the defence of the realm. Dated at Westminster, 2 May, 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404].

*Seurte faite
pur deux mill'
marcz [sic]
grauntez au
Roy.*

Writ of Privy Seal to John Oudeby, clerk, and to John Hadley, Thomas Knolles, and Richard Merlowe, Treasurers of War, that they repay the above City loan in manner prescribed. Dated at Westminster, 6 May, 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404].

Fo. xxix.
*Item seurte
pur les ditz
deux mill'
marcz [sic].*

28 June, 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], ordinances for regulating the mistery of Hurers and Cappers submitted to William Askham, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and ordered to be recorded. Among the ordinances is one forbidding the fulling of "cappes, hures, and hattes" by mills or by the feet, or otherwise than by men's hands.²

*Ordinacio
mister' de
Cappers.*

11 Aug., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], John Grove, "armurer," discharged by William Askham, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Grove
civis et armu-
rer London'.*

Letters of protection in favour of John Bate, "maltman," who was about to join the retinue of Sir Thomas Swynburn, Knt., Captain of the Castle of Hammes in Picardy. Witness the King at Westminster, 29 Feb., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403-4].

Fo. xxix b.
*Protect' Joh'is
Bate maltman
allocat'.*

¹ Convocation had met in St. Paul's about the middle of April, and had granted the King a tenth on condition that he would publicly confirm the Church's ancient privileges. 'Annal. Hen. IV.,' p. 388. Walsingham, ii. 259.

² The ordinances are set out in

'Memorials,' pp. 558-9. They were annulled in 1417 on the ground that too much authority was given into the hands of the mistery of Cappers, to the exclusion of the mistery of Hatters and Haberdashers. *Vide infra*, fos. cxcii-cxcii b.

23 Nov., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], John Cokayn and his sureties delivered to the Chamberlain a sum of 10 marks to the use of Elizabeth, one of the daughters of Nicholas Extone, so that the whole amount paid to the Chamberlain by the said John and his sureties was 230 marks. Out of this sum the Chamberlain delivered to John Wade, fishmonger, 110 marks together with the guardianship of Agnes (another daughter of the said Nicholas), as appears in the preceding folio [*sic*],¹ and John Cokayn delivered 90 marks; and so there remained in the hands of the Chamberlain to the use of the said Elizabeth 120 marks, and this sum the Chamberlain delivered to Robert, son of William Berdewell, Knt., on the 29th April, 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], when the said Robert married the said Elizabeth with the assent of the Mayor and Aldermen. The said John Cokayn and his sureties were therefore quit of this sum of 120 marks, parcel of the aforesaid sum of 200 marks delivered to the said Elizabeth. Afterwards, viz., on the 12th May, the same year, the said John and his sureties delivered to the said Robert the remaining 80 marks.

*Br'e pro par-
liamento.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Coventre on the 3rd Dec. next.² No Sheriff to be returned. Witness the King at Westminster, 20 Oct., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403].

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Cones-
burgh pulter'
London'.*

24 Jan., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403-4], John Conesburgh, "pulter," discharged by William Askham, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fos. xxx-xxxi.

Statute made at the Parliament held at Westminster on the morrow of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403-4].³

¹ Referring to fo. xxv b.

² This Parliament was afterwards ordered to meet at Westminster in the following January. *Vide supra*, p. 28, note.

³ See 'Statutes at Large' (ed. 1758), pp. 464-9. Restrictions were again imposed upon merchant aliens and strangers. They were to dispose of

their goods within a quarter of a year, and the money received was to be expended on commodities of the realm; they were not to sell to each other, and they were to stay with "hosts," &c. These restrictions were relaxed the following year by Stat. 6 Hen. IV. cap. 4, recorded *infra*, fos. xxxvii b-xxxviii.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to execute the judgment passed by William Gascoigne, the Chief Justice, upon William Serle for treason.¹ Witness the King at Leycestre, 5 Aug., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404].

Fo. xxxi b.
*Br'e d'ni
Regis direct'
Maior' et Vic'
London' pro
execuc' iudicii
Will'i Serle.*

Another writ to the same, to the effect that whereas the above William Serle had been convicted at York on the 26th July last of divers treasons, and had been condemned to be drawn through divers cities and boroughs to the City of London, and from the Tower of London to the gallows of Tyburn, there to be hanged, decapitated, drawn, and quartered—the said judgment is to be carried into execution by them when required by the King. Witness the King at Leycestre, 5 Aug., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404].

*Item aliud
br'e direct'
Maiori et Vic'
London' super
eadem exec'
iudicii p'dicti
exequenda.*

1 Aug., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], the guardianship of Simon, son of John Pays, late brewer, together with his patrimony, committed by William Askham, the Mayor, and Stephen Speleman, the Chamberlain, to Robert Marchall, brewer, who married the mother of the said Simon. Sureties, viz., Robert Salman, draper, Thomas Panter, scrivener, and John Sidyngbourne.

*Custodia Si-
monis filii
Joh'is Pays
nuper civis et
Braciatoris
London'.*

10 March, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417-18], came the executors of the above Robert Marchall and paid to John Hille, the Chamberlain, the money due to the above Simon.

*Exon'ac' cus-
tod' predict'.*

Acquittance by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty to Stephen Speleman, citizen and mercer, and late Chamberlain² of the Guildhall, on his account. Dated in the Chamber of the

*Acquietanc'
facta per
Maiorem et
Aldr'os Lon-
don' Steph'no
Speleman
Cam'ar' Gui-
hald' ejusdem
civitatis.*

¹ The late King's chamberlain, or confidential servant, implicated in the murder of the Duke of Gloucester at Calais in 1397. "Also the same yeer [5 Hen. IV.] William Serle, that was oone of hem that murdred the goode Duk of Gloucestre at Caleys, was take in the Marche off Scotland and brouht to London. And ther he was y-drawe and y-hanged and y-heeded." Kingsford's 'Chronicles of London,'

p. 64. Cf. 'Annal. Hen. IV.,' p. 390. With the execution of Serle all further rumour of Richard being still alive ceased. The rumour had been fostered by letters despatched by him bearing a forged seal of the late King. Walsingham, ii. 263.

² He had been succeeded in office a few days before by John Proffyt. *Infra*, fo. xxxiii.

Guildhall, the morrow of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 6 Henry IV.
[A.D. 1404].

Fo. xxxii.
*Custodia Joh'is
filii Will'i
Evote.*

3 Sept., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], the sum of £20 delivered to John Prentout in trust for his apprentice John, an illegitimate son of William Evote, late draper. Sureties, viz., Robert Lutone and Henry Permestede, drapers.

*Ordinacio
quod nullus
Vic' habeat nisi
octo servient'.*

Friday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], ordinance made by John Walcote, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty, upon petition, to the effect that in future no Sheriff should have more than six Serjeants, and that both Sheriffs should have one Serjeant in common for the county of Middlesex.

Afterwards, viz., on Saturday the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], the above ordinance was confirmed.

Afterwards, viz., on the 9th Nov., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], it was ordained that no Sheriff should have more than eight Serjeants, with an additional Serjeant in common for both Sheriffs for the county of Middlesex.¹

Fo. xxxii b.
Eleccio Vic'.

Sunday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], in the presence of William Askham, the Mayor, Thomas Thornburgh, the Recorder, John Hadlee, John Shadworth, Drew Barentyn, Thomas Knolles, John Walcote, John Warner, Richard Merlowe, William Venour, William Walderne, Henry Pountfreit, John Wodecok, and William Crowmere, Aldermen, Thomas Pelle and Thomas Fauconer, the Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty summoned for the election of Sheriffs at the Guildhall, William Louthe, goldsmith, was elected Sheriff by the Mayor, and Stephen Speleman by the Commonalty.

Afterwards, viz., on the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], the said Sheriffs were sworn at the Guildhall, and on Tuesday after

¹ This last ordinance is printed in 'Liber Albus,' i. 527. In 1375 it had been ordained that each Sheriff should have three or four Serjeants

at the most, and less if possible, in order that the citizens might not suffer from an excessive number. See 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 12.

the Feast of St. Michael were presented and sworn¹ before the Barons of the Exchequer.

The same day the ordinance made by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council to the effect that no Sheriff should have more than eight Serjeants, under penalty of £20, as appears on the preceding folio, was affirmed.

Writ for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Coventry on the 6th Oct. next. No Sheriff to be returned, nor any apprentice or other person at law (*aut apprenticius sive aliquis alius homo ad legem*²). Witness the King at Lichefeld, 25 Aug., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404].

Pursuant to the above there were elected John Wodecok and William Bramptone, Aldermen, and Alan Everard and Robert Haxtone, Commoners.

Tuesday the 23rd Sept., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], it was ordained by William Askham, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Common Council assembled in the Upper Chamber of the Guildhall, that thenceforth on the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.] in each year, after the Sheriff of the City has been elected by the Commonalty of the same, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council for the time being shall elect some good and discreet citizen to be Chamberlain for the year ensuing, and two good and discreet citizens to be Masters or Wardens of London Bridge for the year ensuing, and that the said Chamberlain and Wardens so elected shall, on the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], when the new Sheriffs are sworn to their offices in the Guildhall, be also sworn. And just as the

*Ordinacio
Cam'ar' et
Custodum
Pontis Lon-
don'.*

¹ This was unusual (although the Sheriffs elected in Sept., 1400, are similarly recorded as having been sworn before the Exchequer, *supra*, p. 10), for the Sheriffs had always claimed exemption from being sworn into office before the Barons of the Exchequer. See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 20.

² Hence this Parliament came to be known as the "Unlearned" or "Illiterate" Parliament. An or-

dinance had already been made in 1372, directing that no lawyers (as well as no Sheriff) should be returned to Parliament, for the reason that lawyers were in the habit of making Parliament a convenience for transacting the affairs of their clients to the neglect of public business, and that Sheriffs were public officers and ought to remain in their respective shires. 'Rot. Parl.,' ii. 310. Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 98n.

outgoing Sheriffs cease to hold office yearly at noon on the eve of St. Michael and the new Sheriffs enter into office immediately afterwards, so the outgoing Chamberlain and Wardens shall cease from office on St. Michael's day and the new Chamberlain and Wardens shall enter upon their duties on the morrow of St. Michael; and the outgoing Chamberlain and Wardens shall render their accounts within a month of Michaelmas (*citra mensem Michaelis*) next ensuing. Further, that it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council to re-elect the same Chamberlain and Wardens on the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.] next ensuing, provided that no Chamberlain or Warden of the Bridge shall remain in office more than two consecutive years,¹ and when any of them shall have been removed from office, they shall not be elected again for two years.

Fo. xxxiii.

The same day, with the assent of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, John Proffyt, fishmonger, was elected Chamberlain, and William Sevenok, grocer, and John Whatelee, mercer, were elected Wardens of the said bridge for the year ensuing.

The same day, inasmuch as at the election of Sheriffs on the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.] last an excessive number of apprentices and servants had raised such a tumult in the Guildhall as to disturb the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, who had been summoned there, it was ordained that thenceforth at elections of a Mayor, Sheriffs, or other officers no one should presume to enter the Guildhall unless specially summoned by the Serjeants of the Mayor, Sheriffs, or Chamberlain for the time being, and that none should be so summoned unless they be of the more sufficient men of the City, or be of the Common Council.²

¹ It will be seen that this limitation was revoked in Sept., 1406, when Proffyt was again elected Chamberlain. *Infra*, p. 35.

² Set out in 'Memorials,' p. 560.

Compare an ordinance to similar effect made in 1346. 'Cal. Letter-Book F,' p. 304. A writ of Privy Seal to like effect is recorded in 1370. 'Cal. Letter-Book G,' pp. 265-6.

Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], it was ordained by John Wodecok, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Common Council that the Chamberlain and Wardens of London Bridge should be removable as above written, but it should be lawful for the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being to re-elect the same although they may have remained in office two years, if they are found able and discreet for the profit of the City, the above ordinance notwithstanding. Thereupon John Proffyt was elected Chamberlain, and John Whatele and Henry Julyan were elected Wardens of the Bridge.

*Joh'es
"Prophite"
Cam'ar'.*

5 March, 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403-4], Thomas Dylkes, vintner, discharged by William Askham, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Thome Dylkes
vynter'.*

A proclamation for keeping the peace in the City; regulating divers trades; prescribing what foreigners may and may not do; fixing the price of poultry, wines, &c.; forbidding forestalling, begging in the streets, and obstructing the streets with rubbish: and authorizing any inhabitant of the City, being of good character and estate, to arrest rioters and misdoers, in the absence of the City's officers, and to commit them to the Compters until trial, &c.¹

Fos. xxxiii b-
xxxv.

*Proclamaç'on
faite encontre
gentz Wake-
rantz hors
covenable temps
apres cov'-
fiewes p'sones
come piert en
icell' procla-
mac'on sils ne
soient de bone
fame.*

Writ appointing William Askham, the Mayor, William Gascoigne, William Thirnyng, John Cokayn, William Rikhill, and Thomas Thornburgh, or any five, four, three, or two (the Mayor being one), to be Commissioners for gaol-delivery of Newgate. Witness the King at Westminster, 12 November, 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403].

Fo. xxxv.
*Br'e d'ni Regis
direct' Jus-
ticiar' suis pro
delib'acione
prisonni ad
Gaolam suam
de Neugate.*

Writ notifying the Sheriffs that the Parliament which had been summoned to meet at Coventre on the 3rd Dec. next was to meet instead at Westminster on the morrow of St. Hillary [13 Jan.],² and bidding them see that four citizens be elected to

Fo. xxxv b.

¹ This proclamation is again recorded *infra*, fos. xlii-xliii b, with the exception of the last clause, which forbids strangers and foreigners to

sell cloth elsewhere than at Bakwel-halle, and at certain specified times.

² *Vide supra*, pp. 28 n., 30.

attend the same. Witness the King at Westminster, 24 Nov., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403].

Pursuant to the above writ, there were elected William Staundon and Drew Barantyn, Aldermen; William Marcheford and John Profyt, Commoners.

*Exon'acio
Ric'i Abell
civis et stok-
fisshmonger
London'.*

11 Feb., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403-4], Richard Abell, "stok-fisshmonger," discharged by William Askham, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'ac' Rob'ti
Waryn de
Bereford.*

16 Feb., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403-4], Robert Waryn of Bereford, co. Beds, formerly apprentice of John Davy, painter, of London, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Will'i Sud-
bury draper.*

18 Feb., same year, William Sudbury, "draper," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'ac' Nich'i
Loche civis et
allutar'.*

The same day, Nicholas Loche, cordwainer, similarly discharged for like cause.

Fo. xxxvi.
*Eleccio
Maioris.*

Monday the Feast of Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], in the presence of William Askham, the Mayor, Thomas Thornburgh, the Recorder, Robert the Prior of Holy Trinity, John Hadle, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knolles, John Fraunceys, John Shadworth, John Walcote, William Walderne, John Warner, William Venour, Robert Chichely, William Framelyngham, Thomas Fauconer, Thomas Polle, Geoffrey Broke, William Crowmere, Nicholas Wottone, Henry Pountfreyt and William Radewelle, Aldermen, William Louthe and Stephen Speleman, Commoners and Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty summoned for the election of a Mayor, John Hende, Commoner¹ (*co'arius*), was elected Mayor for the year ensuing.

Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], he was sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer.

¹ He had been elected Alderman of Wallbrook Ward in March, 1393-4 ('Cal. Letter-Book II,' p. 408), and

there appears to be no record of his having ceased to represent that Ward.

Letters patent appointing William Walderne, William Venour, John Oxeneye and Thomas Aleyn to levy two fifteenths and two tenths in the City, and to pay the same to Thomas de Furnevale, Knt., and John Pelham, Knt., the Treasurers of War.¹ Witness the King at Westminster, 19 Nov., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404].

*Commissio
d'ni Regis pro
duab' quintis
decimis et
duab' decimis
levand'.*

Precept under the Mayoralty seal to the Aldermen to assess in their several Wards a sum equal to a fifteenth, and to bring the money into the Guildhall by the Feast of St. Thomas [21 Dec.] next, and further to hold their Wardmotes, and to present such defects as they may find by inquest and are not themselves able to correct to the Mayor's General Court to be held on Monday after the Feast of Epiphany² [6 Jan.], &c. Dated 9 Dec., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404].

Fo. xxxvi b.

*Consimiles
bille misse fue-
runt cuilibet
Aldr'o.*

Letters patent appointing William Walderne, William Venour, John Oxeneye, Thomas Aleyn, and the Sheriffs to be Commissioners for inquiring as to what lords and ladies temporal and other temporal persons were liable to the land tax granted by the last Parliament—viz., 20s. on every £20 of land and on rents of the yearly value of 500 marks and more³—and to levy the money and deliver the same to Thomas [Nevil] lord de Furnivall⁴ (*domino de Furnivall*) and John Pelham, Knt., the Treasurers of War. Witness the King at Westminster, 19 Nov., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404].

*Commissio
d'ni Regis pro
quodam sub-
sidio a d'nis
temporalib'
concesso
levand'.*

Letters patent granting that the sum of £733 6s. 8d. advanced to the King by the Mayor and Commonalty for raising the siege of the Castle of Coityf⁵ in Wales shall be repaid out of

Fo. xxxvii.

*Commissio pro
rescussu castri
de Coityf.*

¹ This money had been granted by the "Unlearned Parliament" on the 12th Nov., and new Treasurers of War appointed in place of those previously named. 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 546.

² Commonly known as "Plow Monday," when a General Court of Wardmote is still held at the present day to receive Ward presentments and to swear in constables, &c.

³ The grant of the land tax is re-

corded as having been made by the lords temporal "pur eux et les dames temporelx et toutz autres persones temporelx" for the defence of the realm—an unusual form of grant. 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 546.

⁴ "Thomas Sire de Furnyvall." *Ibid.*

⁵ Coity or Coyty in Glamorgan-shire. On the 26th Oct., the Commons had urged the King to rescue

the tenth granted by the last Parliament and due at Christmas next. Witness the King at Coventre, 18 Nov., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404].

*Proclamacio
facta de ap-
prenticiis tam
masculis quam
feminis irro-
tulan².*

Proclamation to be made for every free man or woman of the City who has an apprentice, man or woman, not enrolled, to enrol him or her before the Chamberlain of the Guildhall by Christmas next, under penalty of losing their apprentice and of payment of a fine to the Chamber at the discretion of the Mayor and Aldermen, and that any one thenceforth taking an apprentice shall cause the same to be enrolled within the first year of the term,¹ under penalty aforesaid; also that no merchant stranger or alien to the liberties and franchises of the City shall sell any manner of merchandise that ought to be weighed unless the same be weighed at the Common Balance of the City, on pain of forfeiture; that no one wander about the City after 8 o'clock at night unless he be of good character and carry a light; that no one wear mask or vizor at Christmas, and that every house be lighted with a candle and lantern during the same festival, under penalty of a fine of 4 pence. [No date.]

*Commissio
d'ni Regis pro
gaola de Neuge-
gate delib² and².*

Letters patent appointing John Hende, the Mayor, William Gascoigne, William Thirnyng, John Cokayn, William Rikhill, Hugh Huls [Holes], and Thomas Thornburgh, or any six, five, four, three, or two (the Mayor being one), to be Commissioners for gaol-delivery of Neugate. Witness the King at Westminster, 22 Nov., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404].

*Exon²acio
custod² pueror²
Joh²is Poy-
naunt².*

28 Jan., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14], John and Katherine, children of John Poynant, late fishmonger, having died under age, their property was delivered by Walter Palmer, fishmonger, their guardian, to their father's executors.²

the "Sire de Coitif," who had long been besieged in his castle by the Welsh rebels, led by Owen Glendower. 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 547; Walsingham, ii. 262.

¹ See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' Introd., pp. ix-x.

² For previous proceedings, *vide infra*, p. 40.

Statute enacted by the Parliament which commenced to sit at Fo. xxxvii b.
Coventry on the 6th Oct., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404].¹

20 Jan., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404-5], Henry Kyng, "corsour," Fo. xxxviii.
discharged by John Hende, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, *Exon'acio*
from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age. *Henrici Kyng*
civis et corsour London'.

28 Jan., the same year, William Craft, "pouchemaker," *Exon'acio*
similarly discharged for like cause. *Will'i Craft*
civis et pouche-maker.

6 Feb., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404-5], Richard Wyche, weaver, *Exon'acio*
similarly discharged for like cause. *Ricardi Wyche*
telarii.

18 Nov., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], John Barry, skinner, *Exon'acio*
similarly discharged for like cause. *Joh'is Barry*
civis et pelli-par' London'.

20 Nov., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], the guardianship of John, Fo. xxxviii b.
son of Richard Blomville, late "stokfisshmongere," together *Custodia Joh'is*
with his patrimony, committed by John Hende, the Mayor, and *fili Ric'i*
John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to William Bryan, "stokfisshe- *Blomville nup'*
monger," with whom the said orphan had been placed as *civis et Stok-*
apprentice, and John Pellycan, "stokfisshmongere." Sureties, *fisshmonger*
viz., Richard Radewelle, Edmund Bys, Robert Mersk, Henry *London'.*
Prestone, and John Burgeys, "stokfisshmongers."

26 Nov., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], came John Yonge, fish- *Custodia xx*
monger, who married the widow of Edmund Olyver, "stok- *marc' Ed'i*
fisshmonger," and delivered to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain of *fili Thome*
the Guildhall, the sum of 20 marks, bequeathed by the said *fili Ed'i*
Edmund to Edmund, son of Thomas, son of the aforesaid *Olyver nup'*
Edmund. *civis et pisce-*
nar' Lond'.

Afterwards, viz., on the 26th April, 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405],
the above money was delivered by the Chamberlain to the
above John Yonge,² in trust for the said orphan. Sureties,
viz., Nicholas Turk and William Russell, fishmongers.

¹ Printed in 'Statutes at Large' (ed. 1758), i. 469-71. It removed (cap. iv.) the restriction placed by the last Parliament as to the time (viz., a quarter of a year) within which merchant strangers and aliens

were bound to dispose of their goods in England. *Vide supra*, p. 30, note.

² A note follows to the effect that the money was *not* delivered to John Yonge, but remained in the hands of the Chamberlain.

Afterwards, viz., on the 1st Dec., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], the above orphan having died under age, the money was delivered to the above John Yonge and Johanna his wife to dispose of according to the will of the orphan's grandfather.

*Custodia Joh'is
et Kath'ine
filior' Joh'is
Poynant nup'
piscenar' Lon-
don'.*

1 Dec., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], William Chambre, fishmonger, executor of John Poynant, late fishmonger, delivered to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, the sum of £20 in trust for John and Katherine, children of the aforesaid John Poynant.

Afterwards, viz., on the 30th Jan., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404-5], the guardianship of the said John and Katherine, together with their chattels and a piece of silver plate with covercle belonging to Nicholas, another son of the aforesaid John Poynant, was committed by John Hende, the Mayor, and the Chamberlain, to Walter Palmer, fishmonger. Sureties, viz., Richard Style, junior, and John Stachisden, fishmongers.¹

Fo. xxxix.

*Custodia Alicie
et Isabelle
filiar' Joh'is
"Harderwyk"
civis et hab'
dassher Lon-
don'.*

10 March, 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404-5], the guardianship of Alice, daughter of John "Hardewyk," late haberdasher, and of Isabella,² bastard daughter of the same, together with their money and chattels, committed to John Frensshe, goldsmith, who married Katherine, widow and executrix of John Harde-
wyk. Sureties, viz., William Pevere and John Mapelisdene, senior, goldsmiths.

*Articuli mis-
ter' de Drapers.*

Monday, 9 March, 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404-5], in the presence of John Hende, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Common Council, certain articles were submitted for approval on behalf of the Commonalty by John Weston, the Common Serjeant of the City, to the following effect:—

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That no merchant strange to the franchise of the City sell any goods within the franchise to another merchant stranger, nor shall such merchant stranger buy goods of another merchant stranger under penalty of forfeiture of such goods, saving the privileges of the King's lieges of Guyene; so that such purchase and sale be always made between merchant and merchant, any ordinance made by the City to the contrary notwithstanding.

¹ Further proceedings recorded
supra, p. 38.

² She died in Sept., 1409. *Vide*
infra, fo. lxxxiv b.

Also if any forfeitures be espied or taken by the Masters of any mistery of the City which appertains to the same mistery, that then one-fourth of the fine made for such forfeiture shall remain to the use of the said Masters who have espied or taken such forfeiture for their trouble, and the remainder of the fine shall go to the Chamber of the Guildhall to the use of the Commonalty.

Also that the Masters of the mistery of Drapers and their successors shall have power to elect an able, wise, and sufficient person, for whom they are willing to answer, to provide and see that all kinds of woollen cloth brought by merchants foreign or strange to the seld of Bakwelhalle for sale be there surely and safely guarded, sold, and bought according to the franchise and liberties of the City, and to present the said person to the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being, to be by them accepted and sworn to faithfully observe the oath which he shall take. And if such person fail in his duties he shall be removed from office by the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being, who shall charge the Masters of the said mistery of Drapers to elect another in his place; so that the election and presentation of a Keeper of Bakwellhalle shall always be by the said Masters and their successors, and his admission, confirmation, and removal be in the power and disposition of the Mayor and Aldermen.

The oath of the Keeper of the Seld of Bakwelhalle.
(*French.*¹)

*Sacramentus
todis de Bak-
welhalle.*

Fo. xl.

*Proclamacio
super ordina-
cione p'dicta.*

Tuesday the eve of the Assumption B. M. [15 Aug.], 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], proclamation made, with the assent of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, to the effect that no foreigner or stranger bringing woollen cloth to the City for sale shall warehouse, expose, or sell it anywhere except at Bakwelhalle under penalty of forfeiture; that no foreigner or stranger shall sell or put to sale such cloth at Bakwelhalle, except between 11 A.M. on Thursday in each week, and 11 A.M. on Saturday, under penalty of forfeiture; and that foreign and strange drapers only bring to the said

¹ The same oath is recorded in | pp. 200-1, by a hand of the fifteenth
English in 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' | century.

Hall entire cloths, and half-cloths, listed at both ends, under penalty of forfeiture.¹

Also that no one enfranchised of the City shall cover (*coeverere*) the goods or merchandise of any foreigner or stranger,² nor buy any manner of merchandise within the franchise of the City to the use and profit of any foreigner or stranger, under penalty of forfeiture of the merchandise and disfranchisement.

*Recognicio
Pannarior².*

27 March, 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], a bond in the sum of £1,000 entered into before the Mayor and Aldermen by Henry Hert, draper, as well as by William Crowmere, William Nortone, Philip Bangor, Richard Eltone, Thomas Coleworth, John Somer, Robert Twyer, Roger Colneye, Thomas Symond, Richard Coroner, Robert Bamburgh, John Longele, John Davy, John Wyott, and Stephen Bugge, drapers, for the due execution of the office of Keeper of the Seld at Bakwelhalle, to which the said Henry Hert had been elected by the Mistery of Drapers, and been admitted and sworn by the Mayor and Aldermen.³

Fo. xl b.

*Concimiles
[sic] bille misse
fuerunt cuilibet
Aldr^o.*

Precept to the Aldermen to assess and levy in their several Wards a sum equal to half a fifteenth on all inhabitants, lay and ecclesiastical, and to bring the money to the Guildhall on the eve of Pentecost [7 June]. Dated 14 May, 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405].

*Concordia
facta int^r Hu-
gonem Clerk
ex parte una
et Thomam
Charleton ex
parte altera.*

28 April, 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], the sum of £200 which Hugh Clerk, mercer, had formerly delivered to John Profyt, the Chamberlain, in trust for his son Thomas, was re-delivered to the said Hugh to hold under similar trust. Sureties, viz., John Crowchere, vintner, and Robert Brendewode, salter. At the same time the guardianship of the person of the said Thomas was committed to Thomas Charleton.

Fo. xli.

30 May, 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], a proclamation made to the effect that no one, except officers of the City and other freemen

¹ Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book II,' pp. 449-450; 'Memorials,' pp. 550-2.

² Generally known as *colouring* or *avowing* goods. See the oath of a Freeman, 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 195. Cf. 'Lib. Cust.,' i. 270.

³ A marginal note states that the

bond was cancelled by order of William Waldern, Mayor [A.D. 1412-13], and the Aldermen, inasmuch as the said Henry Hert, who had quitted the said office, had fulfilled the conditions of the bond.

engaged on keeping watch, shall wander about the City after 9 o'clock at night, under penalty of fine and imprisonment, and that no foreigner or stranger shall carry arms.

Bull of Pope Innocent [VII.], notifying the appointment of Roger Waldene¹ as Bishop of London. Dated at St. Peter's, Rome, 4 Ides December [29 Dec.], the first year of his Pontificate [A.D. 1404].²

*Bulla papalis
pro Ep'o Lon-
don'.*

The above Bull was presented to the Mayor and Aldermen, on behalf of the Bishop, 28 June, 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405].

2 July, 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], John Heyne, cordwainer, discharged by John Hende, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, from serving on juries, &c., owing to bodily infirmity.

Fo. xli b.
*Exon'acio
Joh'is Heyne
civis et allutar'
London'.*

Precept to the Aldermen to assess and levy in their several Wards a sum equal to half a fifteenth, and to bring the money to the Guildhall on the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.]. Dated 24 Sept., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405].

*Consil' les billz
misse fuerunt
cuilib' t Aldr'o.*

13 Oct., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], Elyas Bockyng, draper, discharged by John Hende, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Elye Bockyng
civis et pan-
nar' London'.*

A proclamation in the same terms as that recorded *supra*, fos. xxxiii b-xxxv, with the exception of the last clause touching the sale of cloth at Bakwelhalle, in place of which there is here recorded an ordinance fixing the price at which lamb is to be sold by butchers.

Fos. xlii-
xliii b.
*Magna pro-
clamacio Joh'is
Hende Maioris
H. vij^{to} que
proclam' fuit
Septembris
[sic].*

20 Sept., 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], the guardianship of John, son of William Parker, late mercer, together with his property, committed by John Hende, the Mayor, and John Profyt, the

Fo. xliv.
*Custodia Joh'is
filii Will'i
Parker nuper
civis et merceri
London'.*

¹ He had been created Archbishop of Canterbury by the Pope's predecessor towards the close of 1397 in place of Arundel, but on the latter's restoration to the primacy by Henry IV. he retired into private life until called to the See of London.

He died in Jan., 1406. Walsingham, ii. 272; Newcourt, 'Repertorium,' i. 20-1. Cf. *supra*, pp. 2-4.

² Pope Boniface IX. had died on the 1st Oct., 1404, and had been succeeded by Cosmo Gentili under the name of Innocent VII.

Chamberlain, to Edmund Man, mercer. Sureties, viz., Robert Domenyk, Walter Cotton, and John Elys, mercers.¹

[Fo. xlv b, *blank.*]

Fos. xlv-xlvii.

*Magna pro-
clamacio Mai-
oris anno
II. VII^{mo}.*

A general proclamation of ordinances for preserving the peace, keeping the streets of the City clean, regulating the price of various kinds of victual, prescribing rules for fishmongers, assize of nets, &c.

Fo. xlvii.

A proclamation made on Christmas Eve, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], fixing the price at which wood called "fagot" and coal are to be sold within the City.

*Consimiles
bille misse
fuernnt cuil't
Aldr'o.*

Precept to the Aldermen to hold their Wardmotes and report such matters as they are themselves unable to correct to the General Court to be held at the Guildhall on Monday after the Epiphany [6 Jan.]; also to set the Christmas watch and see that a lighted lantern is hung outside each house that is on the highway, &c. Dated 13 Dec., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405].

Fo. xlvii b.
*Exon'acio cus-
todie Margerie
unius filiar'
Gilb'ti Pyri-
mon nup' civis
et sporier Lon-
don'.*

13 Nov., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], came John Chesthunte, "wolpakker," who had married Margery, one of the daughters of Gilbert Pyrymon, late "sporier," to whom the said Gilbert had bequeathed the sum of 12 marks, as appears in Letter-Book H, fo. cccxxxix,² and acknowledged satisfaction for the same at the hands of Ralph Burwell, "wolpackere."

*Commissio pro
gaola de New-
gate delib'and'.*

Letters patent appointing John Wodecok, the Mayor, William Gascoigne, William Thirnyng, John Cokayn, William Rikhill, William Hankeford, Hugh Huls, and John Prestone, or any seven, six, five, four, three, or two (the Mayor being one), to be Justices for gaol-delivery of Neugate. Witness the King at Westminster, 7 Jan., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405-6].

¹ A marginal note states that on the 21st Nov., 1 Henry VI. [A.D. 1422], came Richard Osborn, one of the executors of the above William Parker, before Robert Chichele, the Mayor, William Walderne, Thomas Knolles, William Croumere, John Coventre, Robert Tatersall, Simon Seman, and William Sevenoke, Aldermen, and acknowledged that the said William

Parker had satisfied his son of his property during his lifetime. He therefore prayed that the above recognizance might be cancelled, and it was cancelled.

² The Letter-Book at the present day contains no such folio. A Gilbert "Pirman," however, appears on fo. ccvi of that book as one of the Masters of the mistry of "Sporiers."

Writ to the Sheriffs notifying the prorogation of the Parliament (which had been summoned to sit at Gloucester on the 15th February next) to Westminster, to sit on Monday in the first week of Lent,¹ owing to the rebellion in Wales and a threatened invasion by the French, and bidding them to cause four citizens to attend the same. No Sheriff to be returned. Witness the King at Westminster, 9 Feb., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405-6].²

*Br'e ad venire
faciend' iij^{or}
civis ad par-
liamentum.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to admit Richard Alfeld as deputy-coroner to Thomas Chaucer, the King's Butler, and *ex officio* Coroner of the City. Witness the King at Westminster, 16 Feb., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405-6].

Fo. xlviij.
*Br'e de Cora-
notore reci-
piend'.*

A proclamation ordering the removal of rubbish, &c., from the front of houses by Thursday next, under penalty of 2s., and further, that all carts carrying rubbish, &c., be provided with a board (*un table*) at the back, two and a half feet high, to prevent their contents falling into the road.

*Proclamacio
ad amoven'd'
simos robouses
et ordures.*

Precept under the Mayoralty Seal to the several Aldermen to array their Wards at night during the sitting of the coming Parliament, commencing on Sunday next, and further, to see that a lighted lantern is hung at night outside every house in the high streets and lanes. Dated 26 Feb., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405-6].

Fo. xlviij b.
*Consimiles
bille misse
fuerunt cuil't
Aldr'o.*

Presentation by John Wodecok, the Mayor, under the Mayoralty Seal, to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, of William Warde, perpetual chaplain of the chantry of William Chatylleshunt³ in the said church of London (*in ecclesia London' predicta*), to the chantry held in the said church by William

*Presentacio
Will'i Warde
capell'i.*

¹ It opened on the 1st March, 1406, and did not break up until the 22nd Dec., after sitting (with various adjournments) 159 days. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' iii. 52-6.

² The return to the writ is not recorded in the Letter-Book. The names of those returned are given in the Parliamentary Blue Book of 1878 (vol. lxii.) as William Staundon,

Nicholas Wotton, John Sudbury, and Hugh Ryebrede.

³ William "de Chateleshunte" appears among witnesses to a grant made by the Chapter of St. Paul's in 1315 to Nicholas Housebonde, Minor Canon of St. Paul's, of a plot of land whereon to build a residence. Hist. MSS. Com., IXth Report, Appendix, p. 27a.

Wryght, founded therein for the soul of Sir John Pulteneye, Knt.,¹ the two priests having agreed to exchange benefices. Dated 1 May, 7 Henry IV., A.D. 1406.

*Proclamacio
facta die ve-
neris ultimo
die Aprilis
a^o vij^o.*

A proclamation forbidding the bringing to the City of any kind of broken barley (*bredz crewe*²) for sale or of barley mixed in a sack, under penalty of imprisonment. The Masters of the mistery of Brewers to be allowed to examine all barley brought to the markets at Graschirche and the Pavement before the Friars Minors within Neugate, and to seize all such barley as they find amiss and bring the same before the Mayor and Aldermen.

*Consimiles
bille misse
fuerunt
cuilibet Aldr'o.*

Precept to the Aldermen for keeping the armed watch on the eve of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], each Ward furnishing the number of men as set out *infra*. Dated 25 June, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406].

Chepe, Cordwanerstret, Crepulgate, Farndon Within, Farndon Without, Bridge Wards—each 20 men.

Aldrichegate, Byllyngesgate, Bredstrete, Cornhulle, "Dovegate," Langbourne, Queenhithe, Tower, Vintry, and Walbroke Wards—each 12 men.

Algate, Bisshopisgate, Bradstrete, Candell[wick], and Castell Baynard Wards—each 10 men.

Colmanstrete Ward, 8 men.

Bassyngheshawe, Lymstrete, and Portsokene Wards—each 6 men.

*Fo. xlix.
Exon'acio
Joh'is Trapps
candellar'.*

4 Sept., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], John Traps, son of Thomas Traps, of "Theydonboys" [co. Essex], discharged by John Wodecok, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, from serving on juries, owing to increasing old age.

¹ This chantry is recorded as associated with two other chantries in the same church for the souls of William Milford and John Plessyes, late Archdeacons of Colchester, and in memory of Robert [Braybrook], late Bishop of London.

² The Masters and Wardens of the

Brewers were empowered to search all barley brought to the City for sale in order to see that it was whole (not broken) and not mixed in sacks (*qu'il ne soit crewe ne medlee en un sak*). *Infra*, fo. lii. This interpretation supposes *crewe* or *crewe*=Fr. *crevé*. Cf. *infra*, p. 50.

- 11 Dec., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], Roger Laurence, "Forster,"¹ similarly discharged for like cause. *Exon'acio Rog'i Laurence "fuyster."*
- 17 Dec., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], John Somersham, carpenter, similarly discharged for like cause. *Exon'acio Joh'is Somersham car-pentar'.*
- 18 Dec., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], Thomas Brydlyngtone, draper, similarly discharged for like cause. *Exon'acio Thome Bryd-lyngtone.*
- 18 Feb., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405-6], John, son of William Frankeleyn "in Yatele" [co. Hants?], similarly discharged for like cause. *Exon'acio Joh'is Franke-leyn.*
- 6 July, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], John Hornechirche, of co. Essex, saddler, similarly discharged for like cause. *Exon'acio Joh'is Horne-chirchesadeler.*
- 9 July, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], Roger Moigne de Clee, co. Linc., similarly discharged for like cause. *Exon'acio Rog'i Moigne de Clee in com' Linc'.*
- Writ to the Sheriff of Kent that he assist John Wodecok, the Mayor, in the duty of preserving salmon and other fish in the Thames between Stanes and London, and thence in the waters of the Thames and Medewaye (so far as his jurisdiction extends), pursuant to a statute made anno 17 Richard II. Witness the King at Westminster, 18 June, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406]. *Fo. xlix b. Br'e missum Vic' Kanc' ad intendend' Joh'i Wodecok Maiori pro Tham's et Medewey.*
- Similar writs sent to the Sheriffs of Middlesex, Surrey, and Essex.
- 3 July, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], came Richard Chapman, sporier, who had married Alice, one of the daughters of Gilbert Porymon, late sporier, to whom the said Gilbert had bequeathed 12 marks, as appears in Letter-Book H, fo. cccxxxix,² and acknowledged that he had received the money due from Ralph Burwelle, "wolpakkere." *Exon'acio custodie Alicie unius filiar' Gilb'ti Porymon nuper civis et sporier.*
- 20 June, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], John Coueham, "upholdere," discharged by John Wodecok, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age. *Exon'acio Joh'is Coue-ham upholdere.*

¹ Probably a mistake for "fuyster" (*i.e.*, a saddle-bow maker) as recorded in the margin. Otherwise it must be looked upon as an extremely early

instance of a double Christian name. Few such instances are known before the seventeenth century.

² See note *supra*, p. 44.

*Exon'acio
Rob'ti Forster
sadeler.*

7 Sept., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], Robert Forster, "sadeler," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Hokkyng
defenduz.*

Friday before the quinzaine of Easter [11 April], 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], proclamation forbidding "hokkyng" on Monday and Tuesday next, called "hokkedayes," under pain of imprisonment.¹

Fo. 1.

*Br'e pro bonis
alienigen' assi-
dend' per
sacr'm etc.*

Writ to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen that they take steps to prevent foreigners creating disturbance in the City, and make a return of the names of such foreigners as ought to have left the kingdom, pursuant to an order of the present Parliament,² and have not done so, together with the true value of their goods and chattels so far as may be ascertainable before the 7 Aug. Witness the King at Westminster, 1 July, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406].

*Returnum
br'is predicti.*

Return made to the above writ by John Wodecok, the Mayor, and William Crowmere and Henry Bartone, the Sheriffs, certifying the names of aliens and the value of their property as ordered.³

Fo. 1 b.

*Exon'acio
Rob'ti Maltby.*

21 Oct., 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], Robert Maltby, cutler, discharged by John Wodecok, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Commissio
Regis pro
pecun' pro
Regemutuant'
in com' Middl'.*

Letters patent appointing John Wodecok, the Mayor, Adam Fraunceys, Knt., John Wrothe, Knt., and Thomas Charletone, Esq., to be Commissioners for raising money within the City and county of Middlesex for public necessities.⁴ Witness the King at Westminster, 28 June, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406].

*Exon'acio
Ric'i Schote
civis et
allutarii.*

22 Oct., 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], Richard Shote, cordwainer, discharged by John Wodecok, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 561-2. See also *Notes and Queries*, 21st Oct., 1871; 25th April, 1874; 3rd June and 29th July, 1876.

² 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 578.

³ It would have been interesting to have had this return of the names of aliens residing in the City at this time, together with the value of property

held by them, but this information is not recorded in the Letter-Book, it being returned attached to the writ.

⁴ On this occasion Richard Whittington is said to have advanced over £6,000, whilst John Hende, another notable citizen, advanced £3,000. Wylie, 'Hist. of England temp. Henry IV.,' vol. ii. p. 442

3 Oct., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], John Hore, tailor, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Hore
Cissoris.*

Letters patent appointing John Wodecok, the Mayor, William Staundon, and Nicholas Wotton, or any two of them (the Mayor being one), to be Commissioners to inquire on oath as to sums of money received by any Sheriff, Escheator, Aulnager, Customer, Comptroller, or other official, and not accounted for, and further as to the true annual value of all demesnes, manors, lands, tenements, priories alien, wardships, marriages, &c., let to ferm by the King or his predecessors for term of life or years or during the war for a certain yearly rent, &c., and to make return of the same. Witness the King at Westminster, 28 June, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406].¹

*Fo. li.
Br'e ad in-
quirend' de
vic' escaetorib'
ulneal' Cus-
tum' Contra-
rotulat' et aliis
officiariis com-
pitabil' et non
satisfact'.*

28 Sept., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], the guardianship of William, son of Thomas Reygate,² late Chandler, together with his patrimony, committed by John Wodecok, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to John atte Lee, Chandler, who married Matilda, the orphan's mother.³ Sureties, viz., Bartholomew Seman and Matthew Spicer, "goldbeters."

*Custodia
Will'i fil' Th'
Reygale nuper
civis et can-
dellar'.*

13 Aug., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], complaint made before John Wodecok, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Common Council assembled in the Upper Chamber of the Guildhall, by William Cressewyk, John Cornewaleys, and John Westone, the Common Serjeant-at-law, to the effect that women who were detained for various causes in a certain chamber in the King's Gaol of Newgate were uncomfortably housed by reason of the smallness of the chamber, and that when they wished to relieve nature⁴ they were obliged to pass through a certain house of the said gaol called "Bocardo," where a great number of men were confined,

*Fo. li b.
Ordinacio de
incarcerac' in
nova turri
apud Neugate.*

¹ On the 7th June Sir John Tibetot (or Tiptoft), the Speaker of the House of Commons, had complained that the King was being defrauded by the collectors of custom. 'Rot. Parl.' iii. 576.

² His will proved and enrolled in the Husting in May, 1405. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 361.

³ From the will of John atte Lee, proved and enrolled in the Husting in June, 1405, it appears that Matilda was his third wife. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 404.

⁴ *Cum nature pondus necessarie deponerent.*

to their great shame and hurt. The complainants, therefore, being desirous to provide a remedy, pray the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council to grant them a certain parcel of land on which stands a house and solar belonging to the City, and situate outside the gate of Newgate and adjoining it to the south, whereon they may erect as soon as possible a stone tower suitable for the imprisonment of women. Their request granted, on the understanding that the tower so to be erected shall be put to no other use than the imprisonment of women.¹

*Ordinacio de
Braciatorib'*

Petition to the Mayor and Aldermen by folk of the mistery of Brewers free of the City that they may be allowed eight persons of the mistery—four from the east side of Walbrok and four from the west—to wit, two Masters and two Wardens, to rule the mistery and exercise assay, search, and survey over all who brew ale within the franchise of the City to sell by wholesale or retail.

Fo. lii.

Also that those so elected make report to the Chamberlain of the Guildhall for the time being of those brewers, breweresses, hostellers, cooks, "pyebakers," or hucksters whom they find selling ale otherwise than by sealed measure or at an unlawful price.

Also that no one of the mistery pay a journeyman more than 3 pence a day and his "table" between the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.] and the Feast of the Annunciation [25 March], and 4 pence a day and his table between the Feast of the Annunciation and the Feast of St. Michael, and if the said journeymen refuse to work on those terms, they may be arrested and brought before the Mayor, Warden, or Chamberlain to be punished.

Also that the said Masters and Wardens, eight, six, or four of them, may have the power of search and survey of all barley (*bredz*) brought to the City for sale, so that it be not broken (*crewe*) nor mixed in a sack.²

¹ A marginal note records that "Bocardo" and the whole of Newgate Gaol, having become fetid and dangerous both to prisoners and the community at large, was de-

molished by the executors of Richard Whityngtone (*vide* Letter-Book K, fo. xii.).

² *Vide supra*, p. 46n.

Also that those found rebellious against the said Masters and Wardens may suffer fine and imprisonment according to the ordinance recorded in Letter-Book G, fo. cxxxv [b].

The above petition was presented on 13 Oct., 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], before John Wodecok, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Nicholas Wottone and Geoffrey Brook, the Sheriffs, John Hadlee, Richard Whytyngtone, Drew Barentyn, Thomas Knolles, John Shadworth, William Askham, William Bramptone, John Warner, William Walderne, William Venour, Robert Chychely, Thomas Fawconer, Thomas Polle, William Louthe, William Crowmere, Henry Bartone, and Henry Pountfreyt, Aldermen, assembled in the Inner Chamber of the Guildhall, for their approval. This was granted under the following condition, viz., that if at any time the Masters and Wardens of the mistery should do anything hurtful, the Mayor or Warden, with the consent of the Aldermen, should govern and punish offenders in the mistery as theretofore.

Masters and Wardens of the above Mistery, sworn on the 7th Dec., 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], to observe the above ordinances, viz., Nicholas Stratton, Thomas Bristowe, Peter Hayford, and Richard Rowdone, Masters of the art of Brewers; John More, John Davy, John Wyghtmore, and William atte Wode, Wardens of the same.

Fo. lii b.

Ordinances submitted by the folk of the Mistery of "Forcer-makers" for approval of the Mayor and Aldermen.¹

Ordinacio de Forcermakers.

10 Sept., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], inquisition held before John Wodecok, the Mayor, William Staundone and Nicholas Wottone, Aldermen, pursuant to the King's writ,² touching dues withheld from the Exchequer. The jurors—viz., Robert Arnold, John Stapilford, William Sevenok, John Westone, John Reynewelle, Laurence Hamptone, Guy Laurence, Robert Enterdene, John Esgastone, Thomas Somertone, John Mullyng, and Walter Pope—say on oath that they do not know of any money due to the King that has not been accounted for, nor do they know of any officer of the King who has practised extortion. Further, they say that they do not know of any

Fo. liii.

¹ Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 563-4. |

² *Supra*, p. 49.

manors, alien priories, wardships, marriages, or other possessions in the City that have been let to ferm by the King or his predecessors for term of life or years or during the war for a yearly sum or otherwise.

Inquisition taken to the same effect by oath of Hugh Ryebrede, Richard Radewell, John Beaumont, Richard Storm, Robert Bamburgh, Richard Eltone, Stephen Sewale, William Wycombe, Henry Parkere, John Haverhille, John Russell, Laurence Durham, and William Lylve.

Inquisition to the same effect taken on oath of Thomas Child, Thomas atte Wode, John Parys, Henry Tylney, Thomas Stanford, John Barbour, William Barron, John Hatfeld, John Dadyngton, John Standelf, John Stauntone, Alan Brette, and Henry Loveliche.

Custodia Margaretæ [filie] Joh'is Goldyng de Edmentone.

31 March, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], Stephen Speleman, late Chamberlain of the Guildhall, delivered to John Profyt, the Chamberlain for the time being, a sum of money in trust for Margaret, daughter of John Goldyng of Edmentone, co. Middlesex, and the said money was afterwards delivered to Simon Sewale,¹ saddler, who married the mother of the said Margaret. Sureties for the said Simon, viz., Edmund Wynter, saddler, and William Salmon de Hakeney.

On the 1st Sept., 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407], the above John Profyt delivered the same money to John Pourche, saddler, who married the above Margaret.

Fo. liii b.

Br'e de uluagio.

Writ notifying the King's grant to Thomas Woltone of the subsidy from all cloth put to sale in the City and suburbs formerly granted to Edward III. for remission of forfeitures due to the King in respect of aulnage of cloth.² Sureties, viz., William Nortone and Robert Bamborough.

Fo. liv.

Eleccio Ric'i Whytyngtone Maioris et ordinacio misse spiritus Sancti

Wednesday the Feast of Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], Richard Whytyngtone, mercer, elected Mayor, after the celebration of a Mass in the Guildhall Chapel by order of John Wodecok, the outgoing Mayor.

¹ His obit kept by the Saddlers in the church of St. Peter de Westchepe. See the will of Peter David, saddler,

'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hustings,' ii. 470.

² 'Cal. Letter-Book G,' p. 99.

An ordinance thereupon made that thenceforth a solemn mass should be sung in the Guildhall Chapel before the election of every Mayor.¹

*in capella juxta
Guyhaldam
annuatim so-
lemnius
cantand'.*

Proclamation of ordinances to be observed in the City, published by Richard Whytyngtone on entering his year of Mayoralty.

Fos. liv-lvi.
*Magna procla-
matio Ric'i
Whytyngtone
Maioris.*

31 July, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], in the presence of John Wodecok, the Mayor, the Recorder, Richard Merlawe, Henry Pomfreyt, William Venour, Robert Chichele, John Hende, Richard Whytyngtone, William Bramptone, and Thomas Knolles, Aldermen, and both Sheriffs, a net belonging to John Batte was found of unlawful assize and was ordered to be burnt.

Fo. lvi.
*Combustio
unius reth'.*

14 Jan., 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406-7], William Nel de "Westone in le Clay" discharged by Richard Whityngton, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Will'i Nel de
Westone in le
Clay.*

18 June, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], in the presence of the Mayor, the Recorder, William Askham, William Bramptone, Geoffrey Brook, William Venour, Henry Pomfreyt, and Henry Bartone, Aldermen, William Tayllour, a tourt-baker (*turtus pistor*),² was taken with bread which was deficient in weight. He was therefore condemned to be drawn on a hurdle according to ancient custom.³

Precept to the Aldermen for holding their Wardmotes and for presenting such defaults as they themselves could not remedy before the Mayor at his General Court to be held on

Fo. lvi b.
*Consimiles
bille misse
fuerunt
cuilibet
Aldermanno.*

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 565. This election of Whityngton to the Mayoralty Chair is noteworthy for another reason besides the introduction of a religious service before such elections; for, on this occasion, the Commons were plainly given to understand (for the first time, as it appears) that their duty consisted solely in *nominating* able and proper persons who had

already served as Sheriffs for the office of Mayor, and that the *election* of one of those so nominated rested entirely with the Mayor and Aldermen.

² Probably a baker of coarse bread made of unbolted meal. See Glossary, 'Lib. Cast.,' s.v. *turtarius*.

³ See 'Cal. Letter - Book H,' p. 261 n.

Monday next after the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.]; also for seeing that lanterns be kept burning in the highways at Christmas, &c. Dated 13 Dec., 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406].

*Custodia
Simonis Dionisie
et Cristine puerorum
Radulphi
Freman.*

28 Jan., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405-6], the guardianship of Simon, Dionisia, and Cristina, children of Ralph Freman, brewer, together with their patrimony, committed by John Wodecok, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to Simon Sewale, saddler, who married their mother. Sureties, viz., John Ballard, tailor, John Cosseham, mercer, John Olney, grocer, Robert Betoigne, goldsmith, William Mapelisdene, senior, goldsmith, and William Clay, "lethersellere."

Fos. lvii-lix b. Statute passed in the Parliament held at Westminster, 1 March, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405-6].¹

Fo. lix b. 5 July, 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407], in the presence of Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, Geoffrey Brook and Nicholas Wottone, the Sheriffs, William Staundone, William Askham, Stephen Speleman, John Warner and Henry Haltone, Aldermen, William Chambre, fishmonger, was mainprised by John Bury, John Wyvetone, Thomas Gorthorpe, and John Leget to keep the peace towards William Gaunstede, Rector of St. Margaret "Moysi."²

Fo. lx. Precept to John Pychard, one of the Serjeants of the Chamber, to summon a jury to attend before the Mayor and Aldermen in the Chamber of the Guildhall on the 2nd April, 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407], to make an extent of divers tenements in the parishes of St. Michael le Quern, St. Christopher near

*Custodia
Joh'is Wode-
hous.*

¹ See 'Statutes at Large' (ed. 1758), i. 471-7. One of its chief provisions (cap. ix.) was in favour of foreign merchants, who were to be allowed to trade freely and by wholesale in the City in cloth and other merchandise, notwithstanding the endeavours made by the Mayor, Sheriffs, Drapers, and other merchants of London to compel them to sell their goods only to the merchants and in-

habitants of the City. The King was afterwards petitioned, in the Parliament held at Gloucester, Oct., 1407, to revoke this statute. He accordingly declared that the citizens should enjoy the same liberties in this respect as before the passing of the statute. 'Rot. Parl.' iii. 613; cf. *infra*, fo. lxxiv.

² The church of St. Margaret "Moses" in Friday Street.

“les Stokkes,” and St. Michael, Cornhill, which formerly belonged to Thomas, son of William Wodehous,¹ late skinner, and which afterwards descended to John his son, saving the dower of Agnes, widow of the said Thomas.

The jurors, viz., Richard Chapman, John Gretyng, John Warwyk, Henry Rolf, John Sege, Ralph Bate, John Mullyng, John Melcheborne, Roger Stoktone, John Combe, William Bysmere, and Henry Anketylle, make their return.

Afterwards the aforesaid property was committed by the Mayor and Aldermen to Richard Payn, who had married the above Agnes, in trust for the above John, son of Thomas. Sureties, viz., Thomas Duke, skinner, Henry Cook, “barbour,” and Henry Payn, “Fuystour.”

20 Nov., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], came Henry Wolryby of Medburn, co. Leicester, bringing with him John, son of the above Thomas Wodehous, who had married Agnes, daughter of the said Henry, without obtaining permission of the Mayor and Aldermen, and prayed Robert Chechele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen that an allowance might be made to him out of the orphan's estate for his education. Thereupon the said Henry was ordered to take the orphan and educate him until Michaelmas next, and then bring him before the Mayor and Aldermen that they might see how far he was educated, ten marks being allowed him for the purpose.

Fo. lx b.

*De pueris
Joh'is Wode-
hous [sic].*

Afterwards, viz., on the 12th Oct., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], a sum of £10 was allowed to the above Henry for educating the orphan in logic (*ars dialectica*) for a year.

De eisdem.

Afterwards, viz., on the 20th Oct., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], a further sum of 20 marks was advanced for the education of the said orphan.

Letters patent appointing Henry Pomfreith, William Nortone, William Marcheford, and Robert Arnold to be Commissioners for levying in the City the tenth and fifteenth granted by the last Parliament to be paid on Monday in the first week of Lent.

Fo. lxi.

*Commissio pro
una decima et
una quinta-
decima.*

¹ See the will of William Power | and enrolled in the Husting in Feb.,
called “Wodehous,” skinner, proved | 1392. ‘Cal. of Wills,’ ii. 292-3.

Witness the King at Westminster, 23 Dec., 8 Henry IV.
[A.D. 1406].

Precept under the Mayoralty seal to the several Aldermen for keeping the customary armed watch on the nights and vigils of St. John the Baptist [24 June] and SS. Peter and Paul [29 June]. Dated 17 June, 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407].

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Wyne-
ton' civis et
piscenar'.*

13 Oct., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407], John de Wynetone, fish-monger, discharged by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. lxi b.
*Exon'acio
Joh'is Crabe
cissoris.*

14 March, 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406-7], John Crabe, tailor, similarly discharged by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Thome Adam
zonarii.*

The same day Thomas Adam, girdler, similarly discharged by the same for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Thome Here-
ford cissoris.*

11 July, 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407], Thomas Hereford of co. Hereford, tailor, similarly discharged by the same for like cause.

6 April, 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407], came John Mount, cutler, executor of John Combe, late cutler, into the Guildhall Chamber, and delivered to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, the sum of ten marks in trust for Johanna, daughter of the said John Combe.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Mar-
chall cissoris.*

21 Sept., 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407], John Marchall, tailor, discharged by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Broun
vinetar'.*

The same day John Broun, vintner, similarly discharged by the same for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Deven-
ysshe cissoris.*

The same day John Devenysshe, of co. Devon, tailor, similarly discharged by the same for like cause.

Fo. lxii.
*Br'e pro
parlamento.*

Writ for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Gloucester, on the 20th October next.¹ Such election to take place after proclamation made in the King's next Court (*in proxima curia nostra*) in the City by those present

¹ Sat from 20 Oct. to 2 Dec., 1407.

at the time of the proclamation pursuant to the Statute passed in the last Parliament,¹ and the names of those elected to be returned in indentures to be made between the Sheriffs and the electors. No Sheriff to be returned. Witness the King at Westminster, 26 Aug., 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407].

Pursuant to the above writ there were elected William Askham and William Crowmere, Aldermen; William Marcheford and John Bryan, Commoners.

9 Nov., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], came John Wodehous, an orphan, before Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and prayed for an advance to be made to him out of his property to help him in his legal education. The sum of 20 marks allowed.

Afterwards, viz., on the morrow of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], came the above John Wodehous and acknowledged the receipt of 20 marks by the hands of Walter Copsey, shearman (*tonsor*), his attorney, from Richard Nordone, tailor, on account of rent of certain tenements belonging to the said John Wodehous.

13 Oct., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407], came John Thomelyn ("Thomekyn," *sup.*, fo. xxiii b), one of the sureties of Richard ("Robert," *supra*) Downe, grocer, and brought into the Chamber the sum of £40 and divers goods and chattels belonging to Geoffrey and Johanna, deceased children of John Cowlyng; and the same were delivered to Richard Osborn, executor of the said John Cowlyng, to dispose of according to his will, Katherine his widow and executrix being also dead.

17 Oct., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407], the guardianship of Robert, son of John Spayne, late skinner, together with divers chattels, comprising a girdle harnessed with silver, a bacinet with vizor and "aventaille," a "pollaxe," dagger and

Fo. lxii b.

*Exon'acio
pueror' Joh'is
Cowlyng.*

*Custodia
Rob'ti filii
Joh'is Spayne
nup' Civis et
pellipar' Lon-
don'.*

¹ 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 601. The Parliament of 1406 directed that in county elections the knights should be chosen by free choice of the county court, and that a return should be made on an indenture containing the names of those elected, and sealed

with the seals of the electors. In subsequent writs the proclamation and election are ordered to be made at the next *Husting* (the County Court of London). Hence the term "Hustings" in connexion with Parliamentary elections at the present day.

baselard, committed by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to Richard Deye, skinner, executor of the said John Spayne. Sureties, viz., Ralph Silkestone, grocer, William Enterdene, skinner, and John Aldenham, painter.

Fos. lxii b-
lxii.*

*Recordum et
processus de
rethib' et
kydellis coram
consilio Regis.*

Be it remembered that on the 19th February, 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406-7], the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty came before the King's Council at Westminster and complained that whereas Alexander Boner, the City's officer, had, on the 9th of Feb. last, seized certain nets in the Thames and Medway in order that it might be seen if they were of lawful size, there came the same day John Sampson, Beneyt Lorkyn, William Serle, Thomas Rokesle, Beneyt Kent, John Caude, John Hooke, William Segood, Thomas Coole, William Burdeux, John Merdene, John Scot, John Littelman, John Man, Nicholas Haytone, of Erehithe; John Trymcok, Thomas Pesoge, of Prattysferye; Henry Prakyll, William Olyve, Thomas Squyrell, John Prakyll, of Berkyng; Ralph Trymcok, John Man, John Rabell, John Martyn, Stephen Hogge, John Rydell, and Ralph Tott, of Wulwych, and many others from the counties of Essex and Kent to the number of 2,000, and assaulted the said Alexander with bows and arrows whilst he was on the Thames and pursued him to the vill of Berkyng, where he disembarked and delivered the nets he had seized to the constables there in the presence of Thomas Shepey and Stephen Ingylfeld, in order that they might be submitted to the judgment of the Mayor; but the men of Erehithe, Prattisferye, Berkyng, and Wolewych had forcibly taken away the said nets—the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty therefore prayed the said Council for a remedy.

Thereupon the Council gave orders for Simon Blakborne, one of the Serjeants-at-arms, to arrest the said John Sampson and his fellows, and those whom he was able to find he arrested and brought before the Council on the 21st Feb. The matter was referred to the Duke of York and Sires de Roos and de Burnell for examination, and John Sampson and the rest, being found guilty, made their submission and were pardoned by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, through respect of the

Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of Winchester, Durham and Bath, and other lords of the King's Council, and their nets were restored to their owners with permission to fish with them up to Easter next, provided they in the meantime got other nets of the regulation standard.

Wednesday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407], in the presence of Richard Whityngton, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Geoffrey Brook and Nicholas Wottone, the Sheriffs, John Schadeworth, Robert Chichele, Richard Merlawe, William Crowmere, Henry Bartone, William Louthe, Stephen Speleman, Thomas Fauconer, Thomas Polle, John Warner, Aldermen, and very many Commoners, summoned to the Guildhall for the election of Sheriffs—Henry Haltone was elected one of the Sheriffs for the year ensuing by the Mayor, and Henry Pountfreit, the other Sheriff, by the Commonalty. Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday the eve of the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], the said Sheriffs were sworn at the Guildhall, and on the following Friday were presented and accepted before the Barons of the Exchequer.

Fo. lxii b.*
Eleccio Vic'.

The same day John Profyt was elected Chamberlain by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty; and Henry Julyan and John Whatele were elected Wardens of London Bridge for the year ensuing pursuant to the ordinance made *temp.* William Askham.¹

Letters patent of Richard Whityngton, Mayor, under the seal of the Mayoralty, admitting Sir John Writhe, chaplain in the diocese of Lincoln, to the perpetual chantry founded in the church of St. Mary Somersete near Brokenwharf for the souls of John de Gildesburgh, Sir Peter de Gildesburgh, Sir John Burtone, late Rector of the said church, and others, the said Sir John Writhe having been elected and presented to the Mayor by Richard Ludlow,² then Rector of the said church, and Thomas Kebyll, John Sabyne, and John Holbeche, parishioners of the same. Dated 21 June, A.D. 1407.

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 33.

² Otherwise Richard Comber. See | Hennessy's 'Novum Repertorium,'
p. 349.

Fo. lxiii. Thursday the Feast of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 9 Henry IV.
Eleccio Will'i [A.D. 1407], after Mass in the Guildhall Chapel, pursuant to the
Staundone in ordinance made *temp.* John Wodecok, late Mayor,¹ in the
Maioresm presence of Richard Whityngtone, Mayor, John Prestone, the
Loudon'. Recorder, Sir William Harewdone the Prior of Holy Trinity, Drew Barentyn, Thomas Knolles, William Waldern, John Askham, John Wodecok, Robert Chichele, Thomas Fauconer, John Warner, William Crowmere, Thomas Polle, Henry Bartone, Nicholas Wottone, Geoffrey Brook, William Louthe, Stephen Speleman, William Nortone, Henry Haltone and Henry Poumfreit, the Sheriffs, Aldermen, and an immense Commonalty summoned for the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing—William Staundone was elected Mayor.

Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], he was sworn, according to custom, in the Guildhall, and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer at Westminster.

*Proclam^o de
 finis fact²
 2^{to} die Novem-
 bris a^o nono
 etc.*

Proclamation to the effect—

(1) That no one cast dirt or dung into the highways or the Thames or ditches, but keep the same within doors until it be carried away by cart or by Rakiers.

*Articulus de
 correctar².*

(2) That no one act as broker in the City unless he be accredited (?) by the mistery with which he is concerned² and be presented by the same to the Mayor and be accepted by him and sworn, and furthermore find sureties, under penalty prescribed.

*Articulus
 quant² carect²
 on'at² etc. debet
 capere etc.*

(3) That no carter charge more than 4 pence for loading and carrying merchandise, &c., to any part of the City, except for great bales of mercery.

Fo. lxiii b.
*Br'e quod
 nullus obediat
 captori vic-
 tualium nisi
 etc.*

Precept to the Sheriffs to make proclamation to the effect that no one be compelled to provide the King's takers of victuals or carts with such things as they require for the King's household, unless the said officers first show their commission

¹ *Vide supra*, pp. 52-3.

² *Sil ne soit primerement esbatez*

| *par un mister de la citee dount il soy
 mellerà.*

or some voluntary arrangement be made.¹ Witness the King at Gloucester, 16 Nov., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407].

Proclamation to be made forbidding the sale of fish or flesh by retail elsewhere than at the places appointed, viz., Brygge-strete, Oldefisshestrete, Lestokkes, le Bocherye in Estchepe and le Bocherie in St. Nicholas "Flesshammes."

*Proclamacio
facta decimo
die Septembris
anno supra-
dicto ubi
carnes et pisces
vendi debent.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they admit Richard Alfelde as deputy to Thomas Chaucer, the King's Chief Butler and Coroner in the City and suburbs, as the said Thomas had no leisure to transact the duties of Coroner. Witness the King at Westminster, 17 Dec., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407].

*Br'e pro coro-
natore admit-
tendo.*

Letters patent appointing William Louthe, Henry Bartone, Thomas Pyk, and John Reynwell to be Commissioners for levying in the City the *tenth and half a tenth* granted in the last Parliament, and returning the amount into the Exchequer on the Feast of the Purification [2 Feb.] and the 1st May as prescribed. Witness the King at Westminster, 7 Dec., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407].

*Commissio pro
quindecima et
decima [sic]
levanda.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to levy in their Wards *half a fifteenth*, and to return the money to the Guildhall by the 25th Jan. next ensuing. Dated 2 Jan., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407-8].

Fo. lxiv.

*Consimiles
bille misse
fuerunt cuili-
bet Aldr'o.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to hold their Wardmotes and to return such defects as they find by inquest and are unable themselves to remedy to the Mayor's General Court to be held at the Guildhall on Monday after the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.] next ensuing; and further, that they cause a proper armed watch to be kept at Christmas, and candles

*Consimiles
bille misse
fuerunt cuili-
bet Aldr'o.*

¹ At the Parliament which commenced to sit at Gloucester on the 20th Oct. the Speaker, Thomas Chaucer, member for Oxfordshire, and son of the poet, had made a formal complaint to the King on behalf of the Commons of the conduct of his Purveyors, and steps were again taken to put an end to their extortionate

demands. 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 609. How often steps had been previously taken to remedy the evil, and how the evil continued long after the issuing of this precept, will be seen from various statutes recorded at considerable length at the end of this Letter-Book, and set out *literatim* in this Calendar.

to be lighted before each house at night. Dated 10 Dec., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407].

Fo. lxiv b. Petition to the Mayor and Aldermen that certain ordinances agreed to by the Bailiffs or Wardens, &c., of the Mistery of English Weavers on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407], may be placed on record. Their petition granted.

Fo. lxv. 14 Jan., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407-8], William, son of Thomas Beyghbrok, fishmonger, discharged by William Staundone, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Exoneracio Will'i Beyghbrok civis et piscenar' London'.
The same day, "Philip" Jolyf, "chaloner," similarly discharged for like cause.

Exoneracio "Joh'is" Jolyf civis et chaloner.
23 Dec., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407], a proclamation made similar to the great proclamation made *temp.* Richard Whityngtone, Mayor, anno 8 Henry IV., and recorded *supra* [fos. liv et seq.].

Magn' proclam' facta xxiii die Novembris [sic] a' p'dict'.
30 Jan., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407-8], Adam Nortone, taverner, discharged by William Staundone, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Exonerac' Ade Nortone Tabernar' London'.
Letters patent appointing William Staundone, the Mayor, William Gascoigne, William Thurnyng, John Cokayn, Hugh Huls, William "Hangford," and John Prestone, or any five, four, three, or two (the Mayor being one), to be Justices for gaol delivery of Neugate. Witness the King at Gloucester, 8 Nov., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407].

Commissio pro delib' ac' Gaol' de Neugate faciend'.
11 Feb., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407-8], John May, "sherman," discharged by William Staundone, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Exon' ac' Joh' May Sherman London'.
21 Feb., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407-8], John Byssshop, "vintner," similarly discharged for like cause.

Fo. lxv b. 1 March, 4 (9?) Henry IV., the guardianship of Nicholas, son of John Poynaunt, together with his patrimony, committed by William Staundone, the Mayor, and John Proffit, the

Exon'acio Johannis Bisshop' Vinter'.
Custodia Nich' fil' Joh'is Poynaunt.

Chamberlain, to Walter Palmer, who married the orphan's mother. Sureties, viz., William Flete and John Stachesdene.

20 Feb., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407-8], in the presence of William Staundone, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Thomas Knolles, John Shadworth, John Warner, Robert Chichele, William Walderne, William Crowmer, Thomas Polle, William Louthe, Stephen Speleman, Henry Bartone, Henry Haltone, Sheriff, William Nortone, and William Chichele, Aldermen, assembled in Common Council in the Upper Chamber of the Guildhall, certain petitions from the Commonalty were presented to the said Mayor and Aldermen for the common weal of the City, which they prayed might be accepted and placed on record, viz. :—

Co'e consilium.

(1) The Commons complain of ale being sold by unjust measure, whereupon it was ordered that barrels and other measures should be marked at the Guildhall by the Chamberlain's deputy, so that it might be readily seen what quantity each contained.¹

Fo. lxvi.

*Ordinac^o pro
sigillac^o
barellor^o
Braceator^o.*

(2) Also they complain that strangers were admitted to the franchise by redemption by payment of a small sum, thereby defrauding the King of the customs they would have paid as strangers, whereas they (the petitioners) had obtained their freedom by long apprenticeship, and often by payment of large sums to their masters. They pray therefore that the freedom of the City may thenceforth be obtained by apprenticeship only, each apprentice paying to the Chamberlain for his entrance 20s. The Mayor and Aldermen assented.

(3) Also they pray that no broker, elected, accepted, and sworn by the Mayor and Aldermen, may be allowed to traffic in any merchandise for his own benefit, under penalty of forfeiture, one-third of the forfeiture being given to an informer.

Fo. lxvi b.

*Articuli et
ordinaciones
correctarior^o.*

Also that no broker buy any manner of merchandise for any one unless both the vendor and purchaser be present, making a fair bargain between them, and the purchaser shall not resell the merchandise to the vendor by collusion.

¹ Cf. *infra*, fos. ccxlii b, ccxlv b.

Also that no broker shall try to persuade foreign merchants to sell their merchandise to free merchants through him by holding out that he will obtain a higher price than other brokers.

Also that no broker advise a foreign merchant to hold back his merchandise in the hope of obtaining a higher price.

And also that any person desirous of becoming a broker of the City of London should apply to the Mayor and Aldermen before Wednesday next.

The same day William Staundone, the Mayor, having declined to exercise the customary privilege of making six men free of the City by virtue of his office, it was agreed by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, that the present Mayor as well as every future Mayor shall receive from the Chamberlain for the time being two casks of wine for surrendering his said privilege.

All the above petitions were approved by the Mayor and Aldermen and ordered to be enrolled.

*Q' nulles
assises ne
Hust' soient
tenuz Conseil'
esteant hors de
ville.*

It was ordained in the same council (*consilio*) that at the end and after the rising of the Court of the lord the King, &c., counsel (*consilio*) being out of town (*extra villam*),¹ no assize or plea in the Husting should be held within the City.

*Fo. lxvii.
Custod'
Thome fil'
Nich'i Hertlee
civis et Groceri
London'.*

10 March, 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407-8], John Sudbury, grocer, executor of Nicholas Hertlee, late grocer, delivered to John Profyt, the Chamberlain, the sum of £20 which the said Nicholas had bequeathed to Thomas Hertlee, his son, and the same was delivered to John Thomelyn, with whom Thomas had been placed as apprentice. Sureties, viz., the above John Sudbury, Henry Wodewey, skinner, and Richard Osbarn, clerk.

Afterwards, viz., on the 3rd Sept., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], the above sum was delivered to Thomas Hertlee, who was then of full age.

*Exon'ac'
Alex'i Bartelot
lot civis et
Pulter'
London'.*

24 March, 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407-8], Alexander Bartelot, poulterer, discharged by William Staundone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

¹ Possibly owing to the plague. See Walsingham, ii. 276.

31 March, 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], Laurence Derham, *Exon'ac' Laur' Derham civis et Talughchaundeler London'.*
 "talughchaundeller," similarly discharged for like cause.

4 April, 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], Thomas Maunsfeld, "glacier," *Exon'ac' Thome Maunsfeld civis et Glacier London'.*
 similarly discharged for like cause.

5 April, 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], William Grantham, goldsmith, similarly discharged for like cause. *Exon'ac' Will' i Grantham civis et Aurifabri London'.*

11 May, 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], ordinances submitted to William Staundone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, by freemen of the mistery of Bowiers, for regulating the said mistery, and approved. *Fo. lxvii b. Ordinacio mistere de Bowyerres.*

Precept to the Aldermen for an armed watch to be kept on the two nights and eves of St. John the Baptist [24 June] and SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], and forbidding the casting of dung or rubbish into the streets or river, or depositing it on Tourhill, but the same is to be carried out of the City to the public "leystowes."¹ *Consimiles bille misse fuerunt cuilibet Aldr'o.*

20 June, 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], the guardianship of Johanna, daughter of John Coumbe, late cutler, committed by William Staundone, the Mayor, and John Profyt, the Chamberlain, to John Trenchmer, Chandler, executor of the said John Coumbe. Sureties, viz., Richard Wodecok, salter, and John Heede, "tymbermonger." *Fo. lxviii. Custodia Johanne filie Joh'is Coumbe civis et cultellar' London'.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 1st April, 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], came the said John Trenchmer and delivered the orphan's property to the aforesaid Chamberlain, who gave it to Richard Punchoun, "tymbermonger," who had married the above Johanna. *Exon'acio ejusdem custodie.*

Deed reciting a grant made anno 14 Richard II. by Adam Bamme, late Mayor, the Aldermen, and Common Council, to Hugh Battesford, of a mansion over the gate of Crypelgate, to hold the same for life as John Watlyngton, late Common *Concessio porte de Crepilgate fact' Joh' i Cready armigero.*

¹ Laystalls.

Sergeant-at-arms, had held the same by grant of William Walworth, late Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty, anno 49 Edward III. as appears in Letter-Book H, fo. xiii; and, further, reciting an ordinance made *temp.* Nicholas Extone, late Mayor, anno 10 Richard II., to the effect that none of the City gates should thenceforth be granted to any one, as appears in Letter-Book H, fo. ccv—and notifying that whereas the above Hugh had died on the 20th Feb., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407-8], the Mayor, William Staundone, the Aldermen, and Common Council, had agreed to grant the above mansion to John Credy, who had served fourteen years in the office of Esquire to the Mayor, to hold the same for life except in time of war. [No date.]

Fos. lxviii b-
lxix b.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of the Statute passed in the Parliament held at Gloucester the 20th Oct., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407]. Witness the King at Westminster, 1 Feb., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407-8].

Fo. lxix b.
*Ordinanncce
faite sur le
pris des masons
plastrers etc.*

Ordinances made by the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen, with the assent of the Commonalty, touching the amount of wages to be paid to divers workmen, masons, &c.

Fo. lxx.
*Exon'acio
Rog'i Warde
civis et scissoris
London'.*

31 Aug., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], Roger Warde, tailor, discharged by William Staundone, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Rob'ti fil'
Will'mi Lau-
rence.*

The same day, Robert, son of William Laurence, girdler, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Saham
civis et scis-
soris London'.*

12 Sept., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], John Saham, tailor, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio Ric'i
Bradlee civis
et Organistre
London'.*

19 Sept., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], Richard Bradlee, "organistere," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Rob'ti Stoneley
civis et telarii
London'.*

24 Sept., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], Robert Stonley, weaver, similarly discharged for like cause.

¹ See 'Statutes at Large' (ed. 1758), i. 477-80.

11 Oct., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], Richard Carpenter, "talughchaundeler," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Ric'i Carpen-
ter civis et
talughchaund-
ler.*

13 Oct., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], came Roger Birchynshawe, draper, who married Dionisia, one of the daughters of Ralph Freeman, brewer, before William Staundone, the Mayor, and Aldermen, and acknowledged satisfaction for his wife's patrimony, which he had received from Simon Sewale, saddler.

Fo. lxx b.
*Exon'acio
Lxx etc.*

Deed of presentation under the Mayoralty seal, by William Staundone, the Mayor, of John Clee, chaplain, to the chantry founded by John Romeney, potter, in the church of St. Botolph without Aldgate.¹ Dated 13 Oct., A.D. 1408.

*Presentacio ad
cantariam in
eccl'ia Sci
Bot'i exo
Aldgate.*

16 Aug., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], complaint made before the Mayor and Aldermen, by Masters and others of the mistery of Cutlers, of the injury inflicted on them by defective work on the part of Sheathers. Thereupon it was agreed that in future a joint scrutiny of sheaths should from time to time be made by two Masters of the Cutlers and two of the Sheathers.²

Fo. lxxi.

13 Oct., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], came the Masters and other good men of the mistery of Cutlers, before the Mayor and Aldermen, and complained of bad workmanship by the Bladesmythes. Thereupon it was agreed that in future a joint scrutiny of blades should from time to time be made by two Masters of the Cutlers and two of the Bladesmythes.

*Al' ordinac'
int' Cultellar'
et Bladsmythes
pro scrutinio
fac'.*

12 Oct., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], came the Masters and good men of the misteries of Cutlers and Bladesmythes before the Mayor and Aldermen, and complained of knives and blades marked with marks resembling the marks of "bladesmythes" who are free of the City being sold to Cutlers and others of the said City by foreign folk from divers parts of England. They prayed therefore an ordinance forbidding any one of the mistery of Cutlers to buy such knives and blades, and, further, forbidding "bladesmythes" to enhance the price of blades without the joint assent of the Masters of the Cutlers and the "Bladesmythes." Their prayer granted.³

Fo. lxxi b.

*Ordinacio int'
Cultellar' et
Fabros Blade-
smythes voc'.*

¹ Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book F,' p. 187. |

² 'Memorials,' pp. 567-8. |

³ 'Memorials,' pp. 568-9.

Fo. lxxii. 2 July, 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], the guardianship of William and Margaret, the surviving children of John Drewe, grocer (Johanna and Albreda, other children of the same, being dead), committed by William Staundone, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to Robert Leghe, William Pycard, William Symmes, and John Sudbury, grocers and executors of the said John Drewe. Sureties, viz., Robert Chichele, John Oxney, and William Sevenok, grocers, Salamon Oxney, goldsmith, Ralph Lobenham, William Crowmer, and John Lobenham, drapers.

Fo. lxxii b. Afterwards, viz., on the 17th Oct., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], the above John Oxney, Salamon Oxney, Ralph Lobenham, and John Lobenham, to whom the guardianship of the above orphans had been committed by the Mayor and Aldermen with the assent of the above executors, entered into bond for the performance of their duties.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is [sic]
Knyghtley
piperar'.* 26 Oct., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], Philip [*sic*], son of Robert Knyghtleye of Bristol, pepperer, discharged by William Staundone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. lxxiii. The same day, Henry Poule, skinner, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Articuli mis-
ter' de Blades-
mythes.* 26 Oct., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], ordinances submitted to the Mayor and Aldermen by the Masters and good men of the mistery of Bladesmythes, and approved.¹

*Concess' offic'
custod' mesur'
ostrear' apud
Quenhithe.* 30 Oct., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407], at the special request of John Cokayn, Chief Baron of the lord the King at Westminster, the office of Keeper of oyster-measures at "Quenhithe" granted to John Clerk de Quenhithe, to hold the same during good behaviour.

*Eleccio Vice-
coni' London'.* - Friday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], in the presence of William Staundone, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Henry Haltone and Henry Pountfreyt, the Sheriffs, Thomas Knolles, William Crowmer,

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 569-70.

Thomas Polle, John Warner, Stephen Speleman, William Louthe, Thomas Fauconer, William Chichele, and John Penne, Aldermen, and very many Commoners summoned for the election of Sheriffs to the Guildhall—Thomas Duke, Commoner, was elected one of the Sheriffs by the Mayor, and William Nortone, Alderman, was elected the other Sheriff for the year ensuing by the Commonalty.

Afterwards, viz., on Friday the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], the said Sheriffs were sworn at the Guildhall, and on the following Monday were presented and accepted before the Barons of the Exchequer.

Petitions made by the Commons to the King in the Parliament held at Gloucester, the 20th Oct., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407].

Fo. lxxiv.

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Also pray the Commons to the effect that whereas by ancient charter, and the authority of Parliament granted to the Mayor and citizens of London, no foreign merchant, not free of the City, could sell to, or buy from, another foreign merchant in the City, without forfeiture of his merchandise, and whereas the citizens had enjoyed this privilege until it was destroyed by a Statute passed in the last Parliament at Westminster¹—may the King be pleased to revoke the said Statute.

*Libertas civi-
tat' London'
q^d nullus ex-
traneus vendat
vel emat ab
alio ex^o neo
mercatore
infra eandem
civitatem etc.
renovata etc.
et statutum in
contrar' fac-
tum revocat'
etc.*

The King wills that the citizens of London enjoy the same liberties touching this matter as they enjoyed before the Statute.²

[Fo. lxxiv b *blank*.]

Saturday, the Feast of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], after mass in the Guildhall Chapel, in the presence of William Staundone, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Sir William Harwdone, the Prior of Holy Trinity, Richard Whityngtone, Drew Barantyn, Thomas Knolles, William Askham, Robert Chichely, John Warner, William Waldern, Thomas Fauconer, William Crowmer, Nicholas Wottone, Stephen Speleman, William Louthe, Thomas Polle, Henry

Fo. lxxv.

*Eleccio
Drugonis
Barantyn
Maioris.*

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 54n.

| ² Petition and reply set out in
| 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 613.

Bartone, Henry Haltone, Henry Pountfreyt, William Chichely, and John Penne, Aldermen, William Norton and Thomas Duke, Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty summoned for the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing—Drew Barantyn was elected.

Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], he was sworn, &c., and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer.

*Composicio
int' Maiorem
Aldr'os et
co'itatem
civital' Lon-
don' et cives
civital'
Wyntonien'.*

5 Nov., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], came Mark Leffeyre, the Mayor, William Wode, the Recorder, and William Archier, one of the Bailiffs of the City of Winchester, on behalf of themselves and the Commonalty of the Guild Merchant of the said City, before Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, and the Aldermen of the City of London, and complained that Sheriffs' officers had distrained the goods of freemen of the said Guild for a custom of 2s. on every cartload of goods purchased in the said City, and for scavage (*scavinga*), contrary to the composition made between the Cities of London and Winchester anno 32 Edward I. as recorded in Letter-Book C, fo. lxxxi [b],¹ and they prayed that citizens of Winchester might in future be exempt from such payment in accordance with the composition aforesaid.

Thereupon the said Mayor and Aldermen, after examining the composition, decreed that restitution should be made of what had been taken in contravention of the same, and that no distress should in future be made unless evidence were forthcoming that such custom should be paid.

*Exoneracio
Thome Hook
civis et horner'
London'.*

2 Nov., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], Thomas "Hoke," horner, discharged by Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Consi'les bille
misse fuerunt
cuilibet
Aldermanno.*

Precept to the Aldermen to hold their several Wardmotes and make returns of such matters as they are unable to remedy to the General Court to be held on Monday after the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.], and, further, that they keep an armed watch at Christmas, that the streets be properly lighted, and that they cause half a fifteenth to be levied in their Wards,

¹ 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 133; 'Cal. Letter-Book F,' p. 36.

and bring in the money to the Guildhall by the 20th Jan. next.
Dated 11 Dec., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408].

10 Dec., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408], a settlement made between men of the mistery of Drapers and men of the mistery of Shearmen by arbitration of Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, touching the price to be paid for shearing various kinds of cloth.¹

Fo. lxxvi.

*Ordinacio int'
Pannar' et
Tonsores
London'.*

27 Feb., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408-9], a proclamation forbidding the sale by retail of watered fish [*pessoun earwee*] called in English "Wokedfyssh," white salted herring and red herring watered [*earwez*] except in Briggestrete, Oldefisshestrete and "lez estokkes." Thames and freshwater fish to be sold in Chepe and Cornhill. "Birlisters"² are not to confine themselves to certain streets, but are to pass through every street and lane, without standing or remaining in any one place except when in the act of selling their fish.

Fo. lxxvi b.

*Proclamacio
facta die Mer-
cur' vicesimo
septimo die
Febr' anno
Henr' quarto
decimo [sic].*

A proclamation forbidding the sale of malvezie, romeneye, or bastard wine, for more than 12 pence a gallon; or wine of Gascony or Rochelle, red or white, for more than 6 pence; or Oseye³ for more than 8 pence.

*Item
proclamacio
de vino.*

16 April, 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], Richard Beauchamp, plumber, discharged by Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to his being so much occupied with the custody of the City conduit.

Fo. lxxvii.

*Exon'acio
Ric'i Beau-
champ civis et
plummer
London'.*

Precept under the Mayoralty seal to the Aldermen to cause four or six men to be elected in their several Wards for a Common Council according to ancient usage,⁴ and to return

*Consimiles
belle misse
fuerunt
cuilib't Aldr'o.*

¹ Among these are mentioned cloths rayed and coloured for liveries of lords, "courseclothes" or "courche-clothes," "motlees," cloths from Essex, Oxfordshire, and Ludlow, and cloths called "streytes." Reference is made to the prices prescribed *temp.* Walter Turk, Mayor, in Letter-Book F, fo. clxxxii (fo. clxxxi b). See 'Memorials,' p. 256.

² Hucksters or retailers of victuals.

See 'Cal. Letter-Book G,' p. 123n.; 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' pp. 243-4.

³ Believed by some authorities to be an Alsatian wine. See 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 210; *Archæol.*, vol. xx. p. 37n. Others believe it to have been a Peninsular wine, probably from Portugal. Simon, 'Hist. of the Wine Trade in England,' i. 287-8.

⁴ See ordinance of 1384. 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' pp. 227-8.

their names to the Guildhall by Wednesday next. Those elected are to appear at the Guildhall as aforesaid under penalty of each defaulter paying 2*s.* to the Chamber.¹ Dated 23 March, 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408-9].

Indenture of agreement made between the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City and the Warden and Minor Canons of St. Paul's touching easements for carrying off rain-water, &c., over certain houses near Paternosterrowe belonging to London Bridge. Dated 12 Jan., A.D. 1408.

*Hokkyng
defenduz.*

Proclamation forbidding "hokkyng" on "hokkedayes" and the levying of money for the games called "foteball" and "cokthresshyng" on occasion of marriages. [No date.]²

Fo. lxxviii.
*Exon'ac'
Steph'i Pettele
civis et
pouchemaker.*

4 June, 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], Stephen Pettele, pouchemaker, discharged by Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Br'e de vinis
rub' et albis
gaueandis.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to make proclamation of the following statutes relating to the gauging of wines, viz.:—

Stat. 27 Edward III., cap. viii.

Stat. 31 Edward III., cap. vi.

Stat. of Northampton, 4 Richard II., cap. i.

and to see that they are duly observed. Witness J[ohn] Cokayn at Westminster, 24 April, 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409].

*Consimiles
bille misse
fuer' cuilib't
Aldermannno.*

Precept to the Aldermen to keep an armed watch in their several Wards during the nights and eves of the Feasts of St. John Bapt. [24 June] and SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], &c. Dated 17 June, 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409].

Fo. lxxviii b.
*Proclam' q'd
nullus eat
armat' nec
cum glad'
cinctus except'
etc.*

Writs to the Mayor and Sheriffs to make proclamation forbidding any one to go armed about the City except knights and esquires, who may have one sword and no more carried behind them. Witness the King at Westminster, 30 Jan., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408-9].

¹ The fine imposed in 1384 was 40 pence. 'Cal. Letter-Book II,' p. 240.

² 'Memorials,' p. 571. Cf. proclamation recorded *supra*, p. 48, and printed in 'Memorials,' pp. 561-2.

Also proclamation made for hostellers to warn their hosts at their first coming of the above order.

Item proclamac' fact' pro hospit' etc.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of a general pardon granted by the King to all his subjects for offences committed before the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.] last past, except Robert Longe of the King's Bench. Witness the King at Westminster, 31 Jan., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408-9].

Proclam' gen'al perdonac' Reg'.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs touching an attack made by a rabble on the property of Walter Welyngton and John his son. [*Record incomplete.*]

Br'e sup' statuto de forti ingressu non faciend' etc.

Letters patent appointing ambassadors for the prolongation of a truce between England on the one part and France and Flanders on the other part, for a term of three years from the 15th June next ensuing. Dated at Westminster, 11 June, A.D. 1408. The terms of the truce, guaranteeing (*inter alia*) safe passage for ships between the ports of the several countries, set out.¹

Fos. lxxix-lxxx.

De treugis int' Angl' et Flandr'.

3 Sept., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], proclamation forbidding inhabitants of the City and liberties to sell clothing, victuals, or other merchandise to arbalesters (*balistriers*), or seamen of the galleys that had lately arrived in the Port of London, except for ready money, on pain of losing their right of recovery at law, so that the said galleys may not be delayed in returning home.²

Fo. lxxx.

Proclamacio fact' tercio die Septembr' anno Henrici quarti decimo.

Writ of Privy Seal to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for those who had suffered from the action of France, contrary to the terms of the recent truce, to communicate with Thomas Beaufort, the Admiral, before he sailed for Calais. Dated at Westminster, 7 Sept., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409].

Fo. lxxx b.

De proclamacione treugarum.

Letter of Privy Seal to the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, enclosing a petition to the King by men of the Mystery of Cordewaners touching a disagreement between them and the Cobelers of the City. They are directed to inquire into the matter, and bring about peace between the parties, according to the custom of the City, otherwise the King himself may have

L'ra d'ni Regis de privato sigillo pro discenc'oe int' allutarios et Cobelers.

¹ Rymer, 'Fœdera,' viii. 532-3; cf. Wylie, 'Hist. of England under Henry the Fourth,' ii. 106-8, iii. 99.

² 'Memorials,' p. 574.

to intervene. Dated at Westminster, 21 Jan., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1408-9].

Fo. lxxxī.
*Ordinacio
mister' de
Cordewaners
et Cobelers.*

15 June, 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], an inquisition held by the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, pursuant to the above, on the oath of certain Cordewaners and Cobelers, who declared the custom that had prevailed from of old as to the proper work executed by the two classes of workmen.¹

Fo. lxxxī b.
*Exon'acio
Petri Tanner
civis et brasio-
toris London'.*

20 Sept., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], Peter Tanner, brewer, discharged by Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. lxxxii.
*Exon'acio
Gilberti Asshe-
hirst civis et
Wodemonger
London'.*

25 Sept., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], Gilbert Asshehirst, "wodemonger," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Andree
de Com' Cante-
brugge vagi-
nar' London'.*

1 Oct., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], John Andree (Andree?) of co. Cambr., sheather, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Proclamacio
facta xiiij die
Octobr' anno
regis Henrici
quarti unde-
cimo.*

Writ to all Mayors, Sheriffs, &c., to make proclamation that any one wishing to visit Rochelle with wine or other merchandise can do so, inasmuch as the King of France had granted his protection. Witness the King at Westminster, 11 Oct., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409].²

*Exon'acio
Joh'is de
Bechesworth
aurifabr'
London'.*

16 Oct., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], John de Bechesworth, goldsmith, discharged by Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. lxxxii b.

*Ordinacio mis-
ter' de Coupers.*

19 July, 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], petition by good men of the Mistery of Coupers to Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, William Staundone, William

¹ Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 571-4. In 1417 the King issued his writ to the Mayor and Aldermen to see that this ordinance or agreement (*compositio*) was duly observed, but return was made to the writ to the effect that the ordinance had proved prejudicial to public interest, and there-

fore they declined to enforce it. *Infra*, fo. ccii. The ordinance was formally annulled by Common Council in Jan., 1418. *Infra*, fo. ccix b.

² Set out in Jules Delpit's 'Collection Générale des Documents Français qui se trouvent en Angleterre,' pp. 212-13.

Walderne, Robert Chichile, William Crowmer, Stephen Speleman, Henry Haltone, Henry Pountfreyt, and William Chichile, Aldermen, and William Nortone and Thomas Duke, the Sheriffs, that an ordinance might be made and enrolled in the Chamber to the effect that no one of the Mistery shall make vessels to contain liquor otherwise than of good, sound wood, without "sappe" (*nisi de puro ligno et integro absque aliquo sappe in eisdem existente*),¹ under penalty. Their prayer granted.

Acquittance by Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, for the sum of 50 marks received from John Beaupeny, merchant of Amyens, being the annual rent due under a "composition" made between the City of London and the merchants of Amyens, Corbie, and Neele. Dated 19 Oct., A.D. 1409.

*Acquittance
m'cator Dam-
yas Corby et
Neele.*

Saturday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], in the presence of Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, William Nortone and Thomas Duke, the Sheriffs, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knolles, William Askham, Richard Merlawe, Thomas Fauconer, William Crowmer, Stephen Speleman, Henry Pountfreyt, Henry Haltone, Walter Cottone, Thomas Polle, Nicholas Wottone, Henry Bartone, and John Penne, Aldermen, and very many Commoners summoned to the Guildhall for the election of Sheriffs—John Lane, Commoner, was elected one of the Sheriffs by the Mayor, and William Chichile, Alderman, was elected the other Sheriff by the Commonalty.

Fo. lxxxiii.

*Eleccio
vicecomitum.*

Afterwards, viz., on Saturday the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], the said Sheriffs were sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow of the said Feast they were presented and accepted before the Barons of the Exchequer.

The same day (21 Sept.) William Crowmer and Walter Cotton, Aldermen, Philip Bangor, John Reynewelle, William Sevenoke, and John Creek, Commoners, were elected Auditors

¹ The ordinance also forbids the making of any vessel of false *sappe* or partly so (*de faux sappe ne parcellle de faux sappe*). The word appears as a designation of a certain kind of

wood (sapling?) in a schedule of murage dues in 1315 thus: *De qualibet centena borde et sape.....duos denarios*. Letter-Book E, fo. 1 b.

Richard Whityngtone

no word of his being a native

of the accounts of the Chamberlain and Wardens of London Bridge.¹

Custodia Margaretæ Alicie et Johanne filiar' Rog'i Billinggey nup' civis et Chesmong' London'.

26 June, 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], the guardianship of Margaret, Alice, and Johanna, daughters of Roger Billinggey, late "Chesmongere," with their patrimony and chattels (accruing to them by the death of Thomas their brother), committed by Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to John Coventre, mercer, executor of the said Roger. Sureties, viz., Thomas Brown, junior, grocer, and John Cosham, mercer.

Fo. lxxxiii b.

Afterwards, viz., on the 12th September following the above, Margaret was apprenticed to Richard Osborne and Johanna his wife, to be taught the art of the said Johanna for a term of eight years.

Custodia Alicie filie Will'i Coventre nup' civis et mercer' London'.

26 June, 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], the guardianship of Alice, daughter of William, son of William Coventre, late mercer, committed by Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to Richard Harpour, mercer, and Johanna his wife, mother of the said orphan. In the event of the orphan dying before coming of age one half of her money is to go to John Coventre, mercer, her uncle. Sureties, viz., Walter Cottone and John Lane, mercers.

Fos. lxxxii b-lxxxiv.

Abjudicacio Will'i Kyngescote ab officio custodis porte de Ludgate.

Tuesday, 1 Oct., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], complaint made to the Mayor and Aldermen by John Lane and William Chichele, the Sheriffs, of obstruction having been offered them by William Kyngescote, the Keeper of the gate and gaol of Ludgate, when taking over the prisoners in the said gaol from William Nortone and Thomas Duke, the late Sheriffs, and proceedings thereon, resulting in the said William Kyngescote being discharged from office and committed to Newgate.²

Fo. lxxxiv b.

On the 10th Oct., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], evidence having been given by Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, and other trustworthy

¹ The custom of recording the election of the Chamberlain and the Wardens of London Bridge, after that of the Sheriffs, appears to have dropped out at the previous election (*supra*, pp. 68-9).

² Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 574-6. Kyngescote was reinstated in 1411. *Infra*, fo. cvi b.

persons that Isabella, the bastard daughter of John Hardewyk, had died in the month of September last, and that her property in the hands of John Frensshe ought therefore to be delivered to the executors of John Hardewyk,¹ the same was so delivered.

15 Nov., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], Alice, daughter of William Coventre, having died, one half of her money was delivered by order of William Waldern, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to Richard Harpour, and Johanna his wife, mother of the said Alice, and to John Coventre, uncle of the same.²

Royal bond for payment of an indemnity for injuries done to the subjects, Prussians and Livonians, of Ulric de Jungingen,³ the Master General of the Order of the Blessed Mary of the Teutonics. Dated at the Palace of Westminster, 19 Oct., 11 Henry IV., A.D. 1409.

[There is no folio numbered lxxxv. Fo. lxxxvi *blank*.]

Licence in mortmain to Richard Whityngtone, Henry Londone, and John Chamberleyn, chaplain, to grant a certain parcel of land lying in the street called "le Rioler," in the parish of St. Michael de Paternosterchirche, to John White, parson of the said church, and his successors for the purpose of rebuilding a certain parish church in honour of God and of St. Michael the Archangel, together with a churchyard. Witness the King at Westminster, 20 Dec., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409]. Fo. lxxxvi b.

Grant by Richard Whityngtone, mercer, by virtue of the above licence, to the above parson of the church of St. Michael, called "Paternostercherche," in the street called "le Rioler," of a certain parcel of land in the parish of St. Michael aforesaid, which he, together with Henry London, his servant, and John Chamberlein, a chaplain (both deceased), acquired by gift and feoffment of William Westone, draper, and Johanna

¹ Cf. *supra*, p. 40.

² Cf. *supra*, p. 76.

³ He had succeeded his brother Conrad as High Master of Teutonic Knights in 1407. For some years past a system of reprisals on the high

seas had been carried on between English and Hanseatic traders, which was eventually settled by the payment of indemnities by both sides. See Wylie, *op. cit.*, ii. 66-72, iv. 1-13.

his wife, as appears by writing enrolled in the Husting for Pleas of Land on Monday the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], 10 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409],¹ for the purpose of rebuilding thereon a larger church in place of the small and dilapidated church of St. Michael, with churchyard adjacent.² Dated 13 April, 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411].

Fo. lxxxvii.

Eleccio Ricardi Merlawe Maioris London'.

Sunday the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], in the presence of Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knolles, John Shadworth, William Askham, Richard Merlawe, Robert Chichile, William Crowmere, William Walderne, Thomas Fauconer, Henry Haltone, Henry Bartone, William Louthe, Thomas Polle, Nicholas Wottone, Stephen Speleman, William Nortone, Walter Cottone, and John Penne, Aldermen, William Chichile and John Lane, the Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty, summoned for the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing—Richard Merlawe was elected.

On Monday the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.] he was sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer.

The same Sunday, viz., the Feast of St. Edward, the whole of the said Commonalty prayed the Mayor and Aldermen by John Westone, the Common Pleader, that, for the unity and honour of the City and nurturing greater love among the misteries of the same, at the next riding of the Mayor and at all future ridings, all the riders who are of the Commonalty of the City shall wear hoods of the City's colours, viz., red and white, &c., and that no minstrels thenceforth ride before any mistery of the City, but only before the Mayor, and then only three bands or companies at the most, &c. Their prayer granted, &c.

¹ Hust. Roll 136 (71).

² For particulars as to the site and extent of the land here conveyed, see 'Memorials,' pp. 578-9. According to Stow (Thoms's ed., p. 91), Whittington acquired the land whereon to build "his college in the Royall"

from the *Mayor and Commonalty* the same year (viz., 12 Henry IV.) that he made the above grant to the parson of the Church of St. Michael, but on what authority Stow makes this statement is not clear.

The same Sunday it was agreed by the said Mayor and Aldermen that William Benham, who for many years past had carried himself honestly and kindly in the office of valet to serjeants of divers Mayors of the City, should have for the term of his life the office of assayer of "hoystrys" (oysters) and "muskles" (mussels) at Queenhithe, to be exercised either by himself or his deputies.

*W. Benham
assaialor
Hostrior' et
Muscl'ar' apud
Queenhithe.*

22 Oct., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], Arnald Guylliam of Gascony, vintner, discharged by Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio Ar-
nald' Guyll-
liam civis et
vinetar' Lon-
don'.*

26 Oct., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], Walter Beau, butcher, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Walteri Beau
civis et carni-
ficis London'.*

27 Oct., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], Robert Edward, butcher, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Rob'ti Edward
civis et carni-
ficis London'.*

28 Oct., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], John Sylvyrton, skinner, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Sylvyr-
ton civis et pel-
liparii Lon-
don'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of the condemnation passed at a Synod held at Pisa upon Peter de Luna and Angelo Carario, styling themselves respectively Pope Benedict XIII. and Pope Gregory XII., and of the call of Peter de Candia to the Papal chair by the title of Alexander V. Witness the King at Westminster, 22 Oct., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409].¹

Fo. lxxxvii b.

*Br'e denun-
cians certos
Cardinales he-
reticos et elec-
cionem summi
Pontificis de
non (novo?)
sacrați.*

¹ Henry had himself made efforts to put an end to the schism that had long prevailed in the Church. Walsingham, ii. 280-1. A similar writ had been sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury on the 17th Oct. Wilkins, 'Concilia,' iii. 321. The difficulty that presented itself to the Council at Pisa was thus summed up by a Cardinal who was present: "The Italians

do not wish a Frenchman to be Pope; the French are unwilling to elect a Roman or Italian—let us therefore choose somebody who is neither one nor the other." He thereupon proposed Peter de Candia, at one time Bishop of Pisa and Archbishop of Milan, and the proposal was at once accepted. 'Contin. Eulogii' (Rolls Series, No. 9), vol. iii. pp. 414-15.

*Ordinacio q'd
Maior Recor-
dal' sedebunt
in principali
Cam'ra tenent'
Cur'.*

Monday, 4 Nov., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], it was ordained by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Drew Barantyn, Thomas Knolles, William Askham, William Walderne, John Warner, William Louthe, Thomas Polle, Henry Haltone, Henry Bartone, Walter Cottone, John Penne, Aldermen, William Chichile and John Lane, Sheriffs, assembled in the inner Chamber of the Guildhall, that the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Recorder should thenceforth sit on the usual days in the principal Chamber of the Guildhall, and there hold openly the Mayoralty Court between parties desirous of bringing complaints as of old accustomed, and not in the inner Chamber¹ as has been done some few years past. And if any matter pending before the said Mayor and Aldermen requires examination, the Mayor and Aldermen, if it pleases them, or two, three, or four Aldermen chosen by the Mayor, shall cause the said matter to be re-examined by the parties without calling in Counsel in the inner Chamber aforesaid, and shall report what they find to the Court, that the said Court upon their findings may be able to proceed and determine the matter according to the custom of the City.²

FO. lxxxviii.
*Exon'acio
Henrici Mil-
ward et Ric'i
Mordone de
bonis Nich'ofil'
Joh'is Seves-
terre legat'.*

5 Nov., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], Henry Milward and Richard Mordone, "irmongere," executors of John Sevesterre,³ late brewer, delivered in Court to Nicholas, son of the said John, now of full age, the sum of £20 and divers household goods.

The same day William Askham, Alderman, delivered to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, sums of money due to John,

¹ The Mayor's Court has always been known as the Court of the Mayor and Aldermen sitting in the *outer Chamber*, in contradistinction to the Court of Aldermen proper, which sat in the *inner Chamber*.

² This appears to mean that whenever a question arose on the custom of the City, an investigation as to what was the custom in the case in point was made by the Mayor and

Aldermen sitting as a Court of Aldermen without the assistance of Counsel, and that the Court of Aldermen reported the result of their inquiry to the Mayor and Aldermen sitting as the Mayor's Court.

³ His will proved and enrolled in the Husting in March, 1401. See 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 350 (where the Editor has misread and misprinted the name as "Senesterre").

Richard, and Alice, children of William Wight,¹ by bequest of their said father, and by reversion on the deaths of Nicholas and William, other children of the same. Mention made of Agnes, wife of Thomas Wottone, draper, and Beatrix, wife of John Elys, mercer.

℥cxxxvij. ijs. xd.
p'tin' p'u'is
Will'i Wight
delib'at' Joh'i
Proffyt
Can'ar' per
Will'm Ask-
ham Alder-
mannum.

6 Nov., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], Thomas Myntone, tailor, discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Exon'acio
Thome Mym-
tone civis et cis-
soris London'.

30 Oct., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], came John, son of William Reynewell, and John Westone, executors of the said William, before John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, and rendered account of the patrimony of John, William, Thomas, and Cristina, children of the said William, as well as of legacies bequeathed by the said William to John, Thomas, and William, sons of Thomas Chacombe, grocer, of whom the said William Chacombe is dead.

Exon'ac' exec'
Will'i Reyn-
well de ℥lx.
p'tin' p'u'is
Thome Cha-
combe.

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Bristol² in the quinzaine of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] next. Proclamation to this effect to be made in the next Husting, the election to take place in the Husting and a return to be made into Chancery, under the seals of the Sheriffs and of those attending the election, of the names of those elected, whether they themselves be present at the time of election or not.³ Witness the King at Westminster, 26 Oct., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409].

Fo. lxxxviii b.

Br'e pro
parlamento.

Pursuant to the above writ, the following were elected, viz. :—
Drew Barantyn and Henry Haltone, Aldermen, John Reynewell and Walter Gawtron, Commoners.

¹ Probably brother of Thomas Wight, grocer, whose will was proved and enrolled in the Husting in Feb., 1406. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 365.

² The Parliament actually sat at Westminster on the 27th Jan., 1410. 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 622.

³ The election was to be made *juxta formam statuti inde editi et provisi*, referring to the statute of 1406. *Vide supra*, p. 57 note. The clause touching the non-election of Sheriffs does not appear in the writ.

*Custodia
Joh'is et Tho'e
filior' Tho'e
Chacombecivis
et Groceri
London'.*

8 Nov., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], the guardianship of John and Thomas, children of Thomas Chacombe, grocer, together with the money left to them by William Reynewell, their grandfather, committed by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and John Proffit, the Chamberlain, to the said Thomas their father. Sureties, viz., Thomas Colshulle, "wollepakker," and William Randolf, goldsmith.

Fo. lxxxix.
*Custodia
Will'i filii
Will'i Coven-
tre senior' et
Alicie ux'is
ejus.*

3 Dec., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], the guardianship of William, son of William Coventre,¹ senior, and of Alice his wife, together with the sum of £20 bequeathed to him by his said father, committed by the same to John Colman, Esquire, and the aforesaid Alice his wife. Sureties, viz., Walter Cottone and John Lane, mercers.

*Proclamacio
fact' nono die
Decembris
anno r' r'
Henr' quarti
undecimo.*

9 Dec., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], proclamation made forbidding the sale of fish by retail elsewhere than in places ordained, viz., Bryggestrete, Oldefisshstrete, "lestokkes," "le Bocherye" in Estchepe and "le Bocherye" in St. Nicholas "Flesshammes," except Thames and sweet-water fish and fowl (*volatille*).

*Proclamacio
fact' pro finis
abducend' die
et annop'dictis.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to make proclamation forbidding any one to cast filth, entrails, &c., into the streets, complaint having been recently made of a nuisance caused thereby in the street leading from Aldrichigate to Nomanslond² near the Carthusian Priory, contrary to the Statute recently made at Cambridge.³ Witness the King at Westminster, 12 Nov., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409].

Fo. lxxxix b.

*L're misse
d'no Regi per
Maiozem
Aldr'os et co'i-
tatem London'.*

Letter from the Mayor, &c., to the King assuring him that the sum of 7,000 marks, required for his expedition into Wales, had been paid to divers of the King's officers, in manner as specified, although the writers had been informed by the Prince [of

¹ His will proved and enrolled in the Husting in 1407. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 374.

² Stow records (Thoms's ed., p. 161) that in 1349—the year of the Black Death—Sir Walter Manny purchased a plot of land adjoining No Man's

Land, "lying in a place called Spittle cross because it belonged to St. Bartilmewe's hospital," for burial purposes. It was in the vicinity of the Charterhouse.

³ Stat. 12 Ric. II. cap. xiii. A.D. 1388.

Wales] that the money had not come into the King's hands. Dated 12 Dec. [11 Henry IV.].

Precept to the several Aldermen to hold their respective Wardmotes and make their presentments before the Mayor at the Guildhall at his General Court held on Monday after the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.]; also to see that no one walked abroad at night without a light, or with masks, and that proper watch be kept at Christmas, &c. Dated 13 Dec., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409].

Fo. xc.
*Consimiles
billemisse fuer'
cuilibet Alder-
manno.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster in the quinzaine of St. Hillary instead of at Bristol, if not already elected pursuant to a former writ. The election to be made by the whole county (*in pleno com' vestro*), and the result to be returned into the Chancery under the seals of the Sheriff and of all those present at the election.¹ Witness the King at Westminster, 18 Dec., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409].

*Br'e pre
parliament'
ordinal' apud
Bristol' ad-
jornal' usq'
Westm'.*

24 Jan., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409-10], John Bulstrode, goldsmith, discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. xc b.
*Exon'acio
Johannis Bul-
strode civis et
aurifabri civi-
tatis London'.*

10 Feb., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409-10], Thomas, son of Robert Kake, otherwise Thomas Mallyng, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Thome Kake
civis London'.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to proclaim the prolongation of the truce between England and Flanders.² Witness the King at Westminster, 12 Dec., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409].

Fos. xcb-xc
*De treugis et
pace.*

Another writ to the same to proclaim the terms of an agreement between the King of England and John, King of Castile and Leon, his nephew (*nepos*),³ for one year from the 8th

Fo. xci b.
*De treugis
proclamandis.*

¹ Pursuant to the statute of 1406. The clause touching Sheriffs not to be returned does not appear in the writ.

² It recites the terms of the truce, which had been prolonged for three years from the 15th June, 1408, whereby security was guaranteed for

French shipping between the ports of Winchelsea and St. Valery on the opposite coast of France.

³ John II., son of Henry III., King of Castile and Leon, who married Katherine, daughter of John of Gaunt (by Constance of Castile), half-sister of the King.

February last. Witness the King at Westminster, 5 March,
11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409-10].

Fos. xcib-xciii.

Trinity Term, anno 11 Henry IV., Roll xxvii.

*Recordum et
processus ul-
nagii pannor'
lanutor' et de
canevas in cur'
Regis apud
Westm' int'
Ric'm
Merlawe
Maiorem et
vicecot'es Lon-
don et Joh'em
Merssh' etc.*

Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and William Chichele and John Lane, the Sheriffs, attached to show cause why they had not admitted John Mersshe, the King's Butler, to the office of Measurer of woollen cloth, &c., as formerly exercised by Robert Shirwynd and Richard Cliderowe, pursuant to divers writs.

They answer to the effect that the office of aulnage of cloth, &c., in the City and suburbs was held in like manner as throughout England, viz., by payment of a subsidy to the King, according to the Statute; that the office in the City had been granted by the King's letters patent to Thomas Wottone,¹ who still held it; and that the said Robert Shirwynd and Richard Cliderowe had unlawfully exercised the office, extorting money from foreigners and strangers, but not from enfranchised citizens.

Rejoinder made by the said John Mersshe, specifying the letters patent by virtue of which Richard Cliderowe and Robert Shirwynd had executed the above office, the profits of which could be taken by others besides the said Mayor and Sheriffs.

Issue joined and day given for judgment.

Fo. xciii b.

*Custodia
bonor' filii
Will'i Evote
pertinent'*

6 Feb., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409-10], John Seleman, John Prentout, and Richard Osbarn, executors of William Evote, draper, delivered to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, the sum of £170 6s. 8d., belonging to Thomas and William, sons of the aforesaid William.

*Exon' acio
dictor' bon'
pertin' pueris
Will'i Evote.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 6th June, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], temp. William Crowmer, Mayor, the above orphans having died, their property was delivered by the aforesaid Chamberlain to the above executors.

*Exon' ac' Joh'is
Colman
et m' suor' de
Lxx p'tin' filio
Will'i
Coventre.*

6 March, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415-16], came Walter Cottone and John Lane, mercers, sureties of John Colman, Esquire, now deceased, and of Alice his wife, to whom the guardianship of William, son of William Coventre, senior, had been

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 52, where the name is incorrectly printed "Woltone."

committed by Richard Merlawe, late Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, and delivered to John Hille, now Chamberlain, the orphan's money. The guardianship of the said orphan was afterwards committed to John Coventre, mercer, *temp.* Nicholas Wottone, Mayor, anno 3 Henry V., as appears *infra* [fo. clxii b].

18 June, 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], John Basket, tailor, discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

4 April, 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], proclamation made forbidding the compelling any person to join in "hokkyng" on Monday and Tuesday next, called "hokkedayes"; also forbidding any one to act as broker until he be accepted by the Mayor and Aldermen and sworn to that office on his finding sufficient sureties.

Friday, 7 March, 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409-10], came good men—barbers of the City—before Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, in the private chamber (*privata camera*) of the said City, by John Westone their advocate, there being present John Shadworthe, Robert Chichylly, John Waryner, William Nortone, Thomas Fauconer, Walter Cottone, Henry Pountfreyt, Stephen Spilman, Henry Bartone, William Chichylly, Thomas Pyk, Aldermen, and John Lane, one of the Sheriffs, and produced a copy of a petition made to the Mayor and Aldermen *temp.* John Warde, Mayor, anno 49 Edward III., which petition was granted and recorded in Letter-Book H, fo. xxvii [b].¹

The ordinances then allowed are now confirmed and the Barbers are for ever to enjoy the same, notwithstanding anything done to the contrary in times past, and *without scrutiny of any person or persons of another craft or mistery by whatever name known*, in matters touching shaving, making incisions, phlebotomy, or anything else pertaining to the art of Barbery or Surgery now practised or hereafter to be practised.²

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Basket
Cissor [sic]
London'.*

*Fo. xciv.
Proclamacio
facta pro hok-
kyng et Bro-
cours quarto
die Aprilis
anno regni
Regis Henrici
quarti post
conq'm
undecimo.*

*Ordinacio
Mister'
Barbitonsor'.*

¹ Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 393-394.

² Mr. Sidney Young, the author

of 'Annals of Barber-Surgeons' (p. 39), correctly describes this ordinance as "directed against the

Fo. xciv b.
Exon'acio
Will'mi
Haltone civis
et vinetar'
London'.

21 April, 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], William Haltone, vintner, discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Exon'acio
Nich'i
Kyrkeby civis
et Braciator'
London'.

5 May, 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], Nicholas Kyrkeby, brewer, similarly discharged for like cause.

Exon'acio
Joh'is Bur-
brok civis et
Cissoris
London'.

10 June, 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], John Burbrok, tailor, similarly discharged for like cause.

Fo. xciv.
Consimiles
bille misse
fuerunt
cuiilib't Aldr'o
erga F'm Nat'
Sc'i Joh'is
Bapt'.

Precept to the Aldermen to keep an armed watch, according to ancient custom, on the nights and eves of St. John the Bapt. [24 June] and SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], and further, to see that a tub of water be placed outside houses in case of fire. Dated under seal of the Mayoralty, 16 June, 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410].

Exon'acio
Joh'is Whit
civis et
allutarii civi-
tatis London'.

18 June, 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], John Whit, cordwainer, discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Proclamacio
fact' die Sabb'i
prox' post jes-
tum Nativitat'
Sc'i Joh'is
Bapt'e anno
regni Reg'
Henrici quarti
post cong'm
undecimo.

Saturday after the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], a proclamation made forbidding any vintner, taverner, brewer, hosteler, huckster, cook, or piebaker to keep his house open after 9 o'clock at night on Saturday the eve of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June] next ensuing; or to sell wine, ale, fish or flesh, boiled, roasted, or in pasty, before 6 o'clock on the morning of Sunday next, under penalty prescribed.

Fos. xciv-
 xcvi b.

Friday before the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], proclamation made of Statute 11 Hen. IV.¹

Fo. xcvi b.
Exon'acio
Steph'i Rey-
mond civis et

11 Aug., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], Stephen Reymond, tailor, discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the

Masters of the Surgeons' Guild, who had sought to exercise their authority over the Barbers using the faculty of Surgery."

¹ Enacted by the Parliament which commenced to sit at Westminster on the 27th Jan., 1410. 'Statutes at Large' (ed. 1758), i. 480-3.

Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Cissor [sic]
civitat'
London'.

30 Aug., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], proclamation made forbidding the sale of "Malvezie," "Romeneye," "Bastard," and such sweet wines for more than 12 pence a gallon, under penalty of forfeiture.

Proclamacio
fact' xxx^o die
August' a'
1^o 12^o Henrici
quarti post
conq'm
undecimo.

11 Oct., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], John atte Ponde, "file-hewer," discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to paralysis and other infirmities.

Exon'acio
Joh'is atte
Ponde civis et
fileherwer
London'.

8 Feb., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409-10], certain household goods bequeathed by Alice Warwik to John, son of Thomas Mortone, late mercer, delivered by Nicholas Chivalle and Simon Belde, executors of the said Alice, to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, and by him and Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, redelivered to the said Simon Belde in trust for the said orphan. Sureties, viz., Peter Penne, skinner, and John Russell, "wollemonger."

Fo. xcvi.

Custodia
bonor' Joh'is
fili' Thome
Mortone nup'
civis et merceri
London'.

Afterwards, viz., on the 14th Oct., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], came the said John Morton, then of full age, and acknowledged having received his property from John Hille, the City's Chamberlain.

Fo. xcvi.

6 Jan., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409-10], a sum of money bequeathed by John Parker to Margaret his daughter delivered by Richard Osbarn and Henry Hert, executors of the said John, to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, and committed to John Grantham, goldsmith, who had married Johanna, mother of the said Margaret, in trust for the said orphan. Sureties, viz., William Grantham and John Maplisden, senior, goldsmiths.

Fo. xcvi.

Custodia Mar-
garete filie
Joh'is Parker
civis London'.

10 Sept., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], John Kersyng, carpenter, discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. xcvi b.

Exon'acio
Joh'is Kersyng
civis et
carpentar'
London'.

Proclamation forbidding taverners, brewers, hostelers, cooks, piebakers, or hucksters to keep their houses open after 9 o'clock at night, or to sell (*saunz vendre*) bread, wine, ale, fish, or

Proclamacio
fact'.

flesh ; also forbidding night-walking and the making of " bone-fyres " for church festivals or dedications. [No date.]

*Custodia
Isabelle filie
Joh'is Pays
quondam civis
et Tonsor'
London'.*

27 Sept., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], a sum of money bequeathed by her uncle Master Thomas Pays, clerk, to Isabella, daughter of John Pays, late shearmen, committed by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to Alice, mother of the said Isabella, in trust. Sureties, viz., John Norman, goldsmith, and Richard Carpenter, " chaundeler."

Afterwards, viz., on the 10th June, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], came Thomas [*sic*], who had married the said Isabella, and acknowledged satisfaction.

*Exon'acio
Rob'ti Nikke
civis et pater-
nostermakere
London'.*

23 Oct., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], Robert Nikke, " paternoster-maker," discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. xcviii.
*Eleccio Vice-
comitum.*

Sunday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], in the presence of Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, John Lane and William Chichele, the Sheriffs, Drew Barantyn, Thomas Knolles, Stephen Speleman, Thomas Polle, Henry Haltone, Nicholas Wottone, William Louthe, and Henry Bartone, Aldermen, and very many Commoners summoned for the election of Sheriffs, John Penne, Alderman, was elected one of the Sheriffs by the Mayor, and Thomas Pyke, Alderman, elected as the other Sheriff by the Commonalty.

Afterwards, viz., on Sunday the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], the said Sheriffs were sworn at the Guildhall, and on the following Tuesday were presented and accepted before the Barons of the Exchequer.

On the same Sunday, the Feast of St. Matthew, William Crowmer and Walter Cottone, Aldermen, and Walter Gautroun, John Reynewelle, William Sevenok, and John Creek, Commoners, were elected auditors of the accounts of the Chamberlain and Wardens of London Bridge.

*Commissio
pro decima et
mediet' unius
decime
levand'.*

Letters patent appointing John Penne and Thomas Pyk, Aldermen, William Randolph, goldsmith, and William Westone, draper, to be commissioners to levy the subsidy granted in the

last Parliament. Witness the King at Westminster, 12 June, 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410].

3 Oct., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], precept under the Mayoralty seal to the several Aldermen to assess a sum in their Wards amounting to half a fifteenth and cause the same to be levied. Fo. xcviij b.
Consul les bille misse fuerunt cuilibet Aldr'o.

Acquittance under the Mayoralty seal for the sum of £28 received from John Coquerelle, merchant of Amiens, by the hand of Robert Fitz Robert, grocer, in part payment of 50 marks due yearly to the City from the merchants of Amiens, Corbie, and Neele, according to the "composition" made between them and the City. Dated 8 Oct., A.D. 1410.

23 Oct., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], Thomas Drake, "tornour," discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age. *Exon'acio Thome Drake civis et Tornour London'.*

Monday the Feast of Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], in the presence of Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, the Prior of Christchurch, Thomas Knolles, Richard Whityngtone, Drew Barantyn, William Askham, John Shadworth, William Walderne, Thomas Fauconer, Henry Haltone, Henry Bartone, William Louthe, John Warner, William Crowmere, Thomas Polle, Nicholas Wottone, Stephen Speleman, William Nortone, Henry Pountfreyt, Walter Cottone, William Chichele [Aldermen], John Penne and Thomas Pyke, the Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty summoned for the election of a Mayor, Thomas Knolles was elected Mayor for the ensuing year. On Tuesday the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.] he was sworn in the Guildhall, and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer. Fo. xcix.
Eleccio Thome Knolles Maioris London'.

Precept to the several Aldermen to hold their Wardmotes, and take the usual measures for safeguarding the City, &c., and further to cause a prescribed number of sufficient men to be *Al Auderman de la garde de Chepe.*

¹ The Parliament which commenced to sit on the 27th Jan., 1410, had granted (*inter alia*) a fifteenth and a half and a tenth and a half. Cf. 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 635.

elected to the Common Council,¹ making a return of their names to the Guildhall by Monday next after the Epiphany [6 Jan.], &c. Dated 10 Dec., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410].

Fos. xcix b-
ci b.

A general proclamation for keeping the peace in the City, regulating trade, price of victuals, &c.

Fo. ci b.
Exon'acio
Rog'i Brante-
feld civis et
allutar' civi-
tatis London'.

2 Dec., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], Roger Brantefeld, cordwainer, discharged by Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Exon'acio
Joh'is de Gay-
tone civis et
piscenar'
London'.

27 Jan., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410-11], John de Gaytone, fishmonger, similarly discharged for like cause.

Exon'acio
Thome de
Kyppynge
civis et draper
etc.

5 Feb., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410-11], Thomas de Kyppynge, draper, similarly discharged for like cause.

Exon'acio
Nich'i Kooc
civis et dyere
London'.

31 Jan., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410-11], Nicholas Kooc, dyer, similarly discharged for like cause.

Fo. cii.
Br'e pro mili-
tib' faciend'.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all persons having yearly £40 in land or rents to take up knighthood. Witness the King at Westminster, 20 Nov., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410].

Returnum
indc.

Return to the above.²

Commissio de
Newgate pro
delib'acione
faciend'.

Letters patent appointing Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, William Gascoigne, William Thirnyng, John Cokayne, Hugh Huls, William Hankeford, and John Prestone, or any six, five, four, three, or two (the Mayor being one), to be Commissioners for gaol-delivery of Newgate. Witness the King at Westminster, 29 Jan., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410-11].

¹ This appears to be the first occasion that the general precept, issued in December of each year for the Aldermen to hold their several Wardmotes, directed them further to see that their Wards returned each its prescribed number of representatives

to the Common Council. A similar precept was issued in Dec. 1411 (*infra* fo. cviii.), but does not appear again until 1423 (Letter-Book K, fo. 13 b).

² In common form. See 'Cal. Letter-Book F,' p. 105; 'Liber Albus,' i. 193.

Letter from Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, to Richard [Clifford], Bishop of London, presenting John Bryggewater, chaplain, for admission to the chantry founded by Roger Beyvin in the chapel over the charnel-house of St. Paul's.¹ Dated 8 Jan., A.D. 1410[-11].

Fo. cii b.
*Presentacio
d'ni Joh'is
Briggewater
ad cantariam
in capella
supra ossa-
menta mor-
tuor' in cimi-
terio eccl'ie sc'i
Pauli Lond'.*

21 March, 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410-11], Robert Whytyng-
ham, tailor, discharged by Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and
the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing
old age.

*Exon'acio
Roberti Whit-
tingham Cis-
soris London'
etc.*

12 May, 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], William atte More,
"pouchemaker," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Will'i atte
More civis
pouchemaker
London' etc.*

20 July, 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], John Langdyche,
"fruterer," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Lang-
dyche fruter
London'.*

27 July, 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], came Walter Pope and
Thomas Piryton, executors of John Mullyng, "brasier," and
delivered to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, the sum of £30
bequeathed by the said John Mullyng to John his eldest son, to
hold the same in trust for the said son.

*Pro Joh'e
Mullyng
seniore fil'
Joh' Mullyng.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 23rd October, 13 Henry IV.
[A.D. 1411], came the above son, being then of full age, and
acknowledged satisfaction.

*Exon'acio
custodie.*

26 Feb., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410-11], the guardianship of
John and William, sons of Stephen Maplesdene, goldsmith,
together with their patrimony, committed to John Pake,
goldsmith, who married their mother. Sureties, viz., John
Grantham and William Grantham, goldsmiths.

Fo. ciii.
*Custodia puer'
Steph'i
Maplesdene.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 15th Dec., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413],
the above orphans having died under age, their patrimony was
delivered to Richard Osborne, executor of the above Stephen.

*Exon'acio
custodie
predicte.*

¹ See the will of Roger Beyvin | January, 1277-8. 'Cal. of Wills,'
enrolled in the Court of Husting in | i. 29.

*Presentacio
Will'i Test.*

Letter from Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to Richard [Clifford], Bishop of London, presenting William Test, chaplain, of Lincoln diocese, for admission to a chantry in the chapel of the Blessed Mary near the Guildhall, vacant by the death of William Marche. Dated 28 March, A.D. 1411.¹

*Permutacio
int' d'um
Joh'em Clee
capell'm et
Joh'em Dalby
capellanum.*

Letter from Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, under the Mayoralty seal, to William, the Prior of Holy Trinity, the Rector of the church of St. Botolph without Algate, and Wardens and parishioners of the same, notifying the presentation of John Dalby, Rector of the church of Horsey, in the diocese of Norwich, to the chantry of John Romeney, potter, in the said church of St. Botolph, by exchange with John Clee, the present chaplain of the chantry.²

Fo. ciii b.
*Licencia
adquirend'
certa terras et
tenementa.....
ad valenciam
centum librar'
per annum
Maiori et
co'itati etc.*

Licence in mortmain by the King to the Mayor and Commonalty to purchase lands, tenements, rents, and advowsons in the City and suburbs held of the King in free burgage to the yearly value of 100*l.*, provided that it be found on inquisition that such grant be not prejudicial to any one. Witness the King at Westminster, 11 May, 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411].

*Adquisicio
manerii sive
placee voc'
ledenhalle.*

Letters patent (pursuant to the above) granting licence to Richard Whityngtone, John Hende, John Shadworth, and William Askham to assign to the Mayor and Commonalty the manor or place called "le ledenhalle," together with the advowson of the churches of St. Peter de Cornhulle and St. Margaret Patyns,³ held of the King, like the rest of the

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 577.

² *Vide supra*, p. 67.

³ The manor of Leadenhall together with the advowson to the churches of St. Peter Cornhill and St. Margaret Patyns were granted in Feb., 1379-80, by Thomas de Coggeshale, Robert Rykedon, John Sergeaunt of co. Essex, and others, to Alice, widow of Sir John de Nevylle, for life, they having previously received from her the fee simple of the same (Hust. Roll, 108 (87)). In Jan., 1408-9, a

conveyance and reconveyance of the property were made between the above Robert Rykedon and Margery his wife on the one part and John Hethyngham and Hamo Elyot, grocers, on the other part, and in the following February Robert Rykedon and his wife granted the manor and advowson to Richard Whittington and the others above mentioned (Hust. Roll, 136 (51) (54) (62)). Cf. Stow's 'Survey' (Thoms's ed.), p. 58.

City, in free burgage, estimated to be of the yearly value of £12 by inquisition held before Thomas Knolles, the Mayor and King's Escheator. Witness the King at Westminster, 29 May, 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411].

Precept to the several Aldermen for an armed watch to be kept in their Wards on the nights and vigils of St. John the Baptist [24 June] and SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], and for precautions to be taken against fire. Dated 18 June, 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411].

Fo. civ.
*Cons'iles bille
directe fuerunt
cuil'l Alder-
manno.*

Friday before the Feast of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], proclamation forbidding taverners, brewers, hostlers, hucksters, cooks, or pie-bakers to keep their houses open after 9 o'clock on the eves of the above Festivals, and ordering a pendent light or lantern to be burning before every house on the highways on the same evenings.

*Proclamacio
fact' die veneris
prox' ante
festum Sc'i
Joh'is Bapt'e
anno H. iiij^{to}
xij^o.*

Letter from Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to Richard [Clifford], Bishop of London, presenting John Glatton, chaplain, of Lincoln diocese, for admission to the chantry in the chapel of the Blessed Mary near the Guildhall, vacant by the death of Thomas Maltone. Dated 18 August, 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411].

*Presentacio
dn'i Joh'is
Glattone
capellani.*

Friday before the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411]:—

Fo. civ b.
*Procla^o facta
die veneris
p'x' ante
festum sc'i
Bartholomei
a^o H. xii^o.*

*"That no manere man ne child of what estate or condicioun that he be be so hardy to wrestell or make ony wrestlyng within the seintuary ne the boundes of Poules ne in non other open place within the Citee of London up [sic] peyne of emprisonement of fourty dayes and makynge fyn un to the chambre after the discrecioun of the Mair and Aldermen."*¹

28 Aug., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], John Coventre, "lymynour," discharged by Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is
Coventre
lymynour.*

The same day, Thomas Whyttone, brewer, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Thome Whyt-
tone, brace'at.*

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 580.

*Exon'acio
Thome filii
Will'i Blossse.*

29 Aug., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], Thomas, son of William Blossse, "stokfisshmongere," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is York
armurer.*

The same day, John York, "armurrer," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Thome filii
Nich'i Kayle
de Trumpe-
tone.*

2 Sept., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], Thomas, son of Nicholas Kayle, of Trumpetone, co. Cambr., who was apprentice of John Asty, "pouchemaker," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Walt'i filii
Henr' atte
Welle.*

3 Sept., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], Walter, son of Henry atte Welle, of Chidyngleye, co. Sussex, who was apprentice of William de Herkstede, pepperer, similarly discharged for like cause.

Fo. cv.

*Eleccio
Vicecomitum.*

Monday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], in the presence of Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Richard Merlawe, William Walderne, William Croumere, Thomas Fauconer, Nicholas Wottone, William Nortone, Henry Bartone, Stephen Speleman, William Louthe, Thomas Polle, John Penne, and Thomas Pyke, Aldermen, and very many Commoners summoned for the election of Sheriffs, John Reynewelle, Commoner, was elected one of the Sheriffs by the Mayor, and Walter Cottone, Alderman, was elected the other Sheriff by the Commonalty for the year ensuing.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], the said Sheriffs were sworn at the Guildhall, and on Wednesday the morrow of the said Feast were presented and accepted before the Barons of the Exchequer.

The same Monday, the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], Stephen Speleman and William Chichele, Aldermen, Alan Everard, mercer, William Burton, grocer, William Fitz Hugh and William Westone, Commoners, were elected auditors of the accounts of the Chamberlain and Wardens of London Bridge.

*Presentacio
d'ni Will'i
Gyles
capellani.*

Letter from Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and the Commonalty to Richard [Clifford], Bishop of London, presenting William Gyles for admission as Rector of the church of St. Margaret Patyns,

vacant by the death of Adam Wordesworth. Dated 21 Sept., A.D. 1411.

28 Sept., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], John Morys, grocer, discharged by Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Morys
civis et Grocer'
London'.*

12 Oct., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], Thomas, son of William "in the lane," of Grafton, co. Northampt., similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Thome fil'
Will'i in the
lane de Graj-
ton etc.*

13 Oct., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], David de Dromy, tailor, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
David de
Dromy
Cissoris.*

16 Oct., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], William, son of William Cartere, of Westfeld, co. Sussex, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Fo. cv b.
Exon'acio
Will'i Carter
de Westfeld in
com' Sussex'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on the morrow of Souls [2 Nov.].¹ Witness the King at Westminster, 21 Sept., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411].

*Breve d'ni
Regis pro
parlamento.*

Pursuant to the above writ, Richard Merlawe and Thomas Fauconer, Aldermen, and John Suttone, grocer, and John Michell, grocer, Commoners, were elected.

7 Jan., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410-11], came Henry Droste, Hilbrand Southerman, and Henry Mygrave, merchants of the Hanse of Almaine, residing in London, before the Mayor and Aldermen, and complained of toll being unlawfully exacted from them, contrary to the "composition" made between the City and the merchants of the Hanse.² At their request, the said Mayor and Aldermen appoint John Shadworth, Alderman, John Prestone, the Recorder, and John Westone, the Common Pleader, to inquire into the matter and report thereon. Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday, 21 Jan., report made to the effect that toll had been

*Pro mercato-
rib' de Hansa.*

¹ The writ is similar in form to that recorded in 1409 (*supra*, p. 81), and does not contain the clause forbidding the election of Sheriffs.

² The "composition" of 1237, renewed in 1334. 'Liber Cust.' i. 64-6; 'Liber Alb.,' i. 418-24; 'Cal. Letter-Book G,' p. 30.

unlawfully demanded. Judgment thereupon given that the said merchants should be quit of toll as theretofore.

Fo. cvi.
*Ordinacio de
Cordewaners
et Cobelers.*

10 December, 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], the Masters of the Mistery of Cordewaners free of the City and certain Cobelers, English and foreign, summoned to appear and submit their differences before Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, Richard Whityngtone, "Drewe" Barantyn, John Shadeworth, William Askham, Richard Merlawe, William Croumer, Nicholas Wottone, William Louthe, Thomas Polle, Stephen Speleman, Henry Haltone, Henry Pountfreyt, William Nortone, and William Chichele, Aldermen, John Penne and Thomas Pyke, Sheriffs and Aldermen, when the agreement made between Cordewaners and Cobelers, anno 19 Richard II., and recorded in Letter-Book H, fo. ccciv,¹ was read. And whereas the Cordewaners alleged that "pecyng" was a part of a "quarter" of a shoe, whilst the Cobelers said that it extended to a whole "quarter," the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs gave judgment in favour of Cobelers being allowed thenceforth to apply a whole "quarter" of new leather to old boots or shoes, either above or beneath, in front or behind, provided that the rest remained of old leather.

Fo. cvi b.
*Restitucio
Will'i
Kyngescote ad
officium suum
de Ludgate.
Judicium Gal-
fr'i Lovey ad
pillor' pro
mendac' factis
sup' Th' Fau-
coner Aldr'.*

16 July, 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], William Kyngescote, who had been removed for insubordination² from office as Keeper of the Ludgate and of the prisoners there, reinstated by order of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council.

12 Feb., 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410-11], Geoffrey Lovey, mercer, condemned to the pillory for slandering Thomas Fauconer, an Alderman. Judgment respited on condition of good behaviour in future.³

18 July, 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], in the presence of Thomas Knolles, Mayor, John Prestone, Recorder, Richard Whityngtone, John Shadworth, William Walderne, John Warner, William Nortone, Thomas Polle, John Lane, Henry Haltone, William Crowmere, Henry Bartone, and Thomas Fauconer, Aldermen,

¹ See 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 425.

² *Supra*, p. 76.

³ 'Memorials,' p. 576. In 1413

he was found guilty of the same offence and committed to Newgate. *Infra*, fo. cxxiii b.

it was agreed that the sign of the Elephant (*signum Olifantis*) in Chepe^e should remain with Simon Sewale, saddler.

Monday the Feast of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], after Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated in the Guildhall Chapel, pursuant to the ordinance made during the Mayoralty of John Wodecok, in the presence of Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Sir William [Harewdone] the Prior of Holy Trinity, Richard Whityngtone, John Shadeworth, William Askham, Richard Merlawe, Robert Chichele, William Walderne, Thomas Fauconer, William Croumere, William Nortone, Henry Bartone, Henry Haltone, William Louthe, Stephen Speleman, Nicholas Wottone, John Penne, Thomas Pyke, John Lane, and William Sevenoke, Aldermen, John Raynewelle and Walter Cottone, the Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty summoned for the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing—Robert Chichele was elected.

Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], the said Robert Chichele was sworn in the Guildhall, and on the morrow was admitted and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer.

20 Oct., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], Adam Turke, skinner, discharged by Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Letter from Robert Chicheley, the Mayor, to Richard [Clifford], Bishop of London, presenting William Comelond for admission to the united chantries founded in the church of St. Thomas the Apostle for the souls of William Chaumpeners and Thomas Romeyn,¹ vacant by the resignation of Sir Walter Multone, the last chaplain. Dated 10 Dec., A.D. 1411.

A Great Proclamation of the Mayor was made on Friday the 6th Nov., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], in manner and form as recorded when Thomas Knolles was Mayor, anno 12 Henry IV.²

Thursday before the Feast of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], ordinance by the Mayor, with the assent of the Aldermen, that by Christmas next every brewer, breweress, hosteler, cook, piebaker, and huckster selling ale in

Fo. cvii.

*Eleccio Rob'ti
Chichele
Maioris
Londoniar'.*

*Exon'acio Ade
Turke
pellipar'.*

*Presentacio
Cantarie in
ecc'l'ia Sc'i
Thome Ap'li
London'.*

Fo. cvii b.
*Magna procla-
macio Maioris.*

*Proclamacio
facta
die Jovis p'x'
ante festum
sc'e Kat'ine
virg'is anno
r' r' Henrici
quarti tercio
decimo.*

¹ Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 433. |

² *Supra*, fos. xcix-ci b.

their houses provide themselves with pewter pots (*pootz destayne*), viz., gallons, potels, and quarts, sealed with the seal of the Chamber, according to their requirements to serve their customers, and not use tankards and hanaps¹ or anything else contrary to this ordinance under penalty prescribed.

*Le serement
des assaiours
et provours des
quirs tannez.*

Form of oath to be taken by those appointed Surveyors and Assayers of tanned leather.

Fo. cviii.
*Consi'les bille
directe fuerunt
cuil't Aldr'o.*

Precept to the Aldermen to hold their Wardmotes; to set the customary watch at Christmas; to see to the lighting and cleansing of the streets; and to take steps for the election of members of the Common Council,² and make a return of the same to the Guildhall by Monday next after the Feast of the Epiphany [6 Jan.]. Dated 10 Dec., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411].

*Proclamacio
facta vicesimo
tercio die
Decembris.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they proclaim and cause to be observed an ordinance made in the last Parliament to the effect that pepper in the hands of any merchant shall be sold to any one requiring it at 20 pence a pound until fresh pepper arrive from abroad, when the price may be lowered.³ Witness the King at Westminster, 22 Dec., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411].

*Exon'acio
Alani Roche
de Irlond
cissoris.*

13 Jan., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411-12], Alan Roche, of Irlond, tailor, discharged by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

¹ Hanaps, being drinking cups of no certain measure, were to be supplied by brewers and hostellers to their customers for drinking purposes, but were not to be used for retailing ale, which was to be done by sealed measures. See ordinances of 1382, 1388, and 1392, 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' pp. 201, 337, 373.

² See note *supra*, p. 90.

³ A petition had been laid before the Parliament which sat in November complaining of the scarcity of pepper, the spice most used (*le plus*

usuel Spicerie) by the commons of the realm, owing to its being withheld from the market by Grocers and Lombards, and praying that they might be compelled to sell it at a reasonable profit. 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 662. In 1412 the price of pepper was four shillings a pound. Walsingham, ii. 288. How the price of pepper varied from 8 pence to 8 shillings a pound between 1349 and 1438 is shown by Wylie ('Hist. of England, Henry IV.,' vol. iii. p. 135 note).

Letters patent appointing the Mayor and King's Escheator, the Sheriffs, and Richard Whityngtone and Thomas Knolles to be commissioners to ascertain the names of all men and women liable to pay the subsidy of 6s. 8d. imposed by the last Parliament on every £20 by the year of land or rent, in their own hands or held in trust, in the City and suburbs as well as elsewhere, and to make a return of the same to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer before the last day of February. Witness the King at Westminster, 2 Jan., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411-12].¹

Fo. cviii b.

*Commissio pro
subsidio
levand' con-
cesso d'no Regi
in ulti'o Par-
liamento apud
Westm'.*

10 Feb., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411-12], Adam Ramme, "bladsmythe," discharged by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio Ade
Ramme civis
et Bladsmyth'.*

13 Feb., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411-12], Ralph Martyn, of co. Camb., skinner, similarly discharged for like cause.

Fo. cix.

*Exon'acio
Rad'i Martyn
de com' Cante-
brigge etc.*

23 Feb., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411-12], Thomas Henle, glover, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Thome Henle
Glover
London'.*

The same day, Ralph Otewyche, "fruiter," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Rad'i Ote-
wyche fruiter
etc.*

The same day, the guardianship of John and Johanna, children of Roger Jaket, late baker, committed by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to Stephen Sedere, "fleccher," their grandfather, executor of the said Roger. Sureties, viz., John Burgh, "vynter," Thomas Prentys, "fleccher," and William Haverisham, clerk.

*Custodia Joh'is
senior' filii
Rogeri Jaket
nup' civis et
pistoris Lond'
et Johanne filie
ejusdem
Rogeri etc.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 9th Sept., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], came the above John, son of Roger, and received his patrimony from John Bederendene, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged satisfaction.

¹ For return to the above *vide infra*, p. 103. The tax was not so novel as some have supposed, for an impost of a shilling on every pound's worth of land or rent was carried in 1404. *Vide supra*, pp. 28, note, 37.

Fo. cxii b. Afterwards, viz., on the 9th Dec., 2 Henry VI. [A.D. 1423], came Thomas Twygge, baker, who had married the above Johanna, before William Crowmer, the Mayor, and Aldermen, and received the said orphan's patrimony from John Bederendene, the Chamberlain.

Fo. cix b. Statute of Westminster, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411].¹

Fo. cx. 23 March, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411-12], Robert, son of Martin "Fitz" Robert, of Ireland, discharged by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Rob'ti filii
Martini Fitz
Rob't de
Ibernia.*

*Exon'acio
Thome Boteler
civis et
cemenlar'
London'.* 20 April, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], Thomas Boteler, of co. Huntingdon, citizen and mason of London, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Ordinacio et
proclamac' pro
corriis tannat'
assaiaud' et
proband'.* Proclamation to the effect that all tanned leather brought into the City for sale be taken to the selds of old appointed and not elsewhere, there to be assayed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in each week. The Assayers to be presented to the Mayor and Aldermen and sworn, and to comprise four cordwainers, a girdler, a "malemaker," a "botelmaker," and a currier, eight, six, or four of them at the least; if six in number, three to be cordwainers and three of the other misteries; if four, two to be cordwainers and two of the other misteries.²

Fo. cx b. Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of the ordinance that follows. Witness the King at Westminster, 13 Feb., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411-12]:—

*Br'e d'ni
Regis pro
emendac' aur'
et argent' pro-
clam' xvi^{mo}
die Marcii a^o
H. xiii^{mo}.*

16 March, proclamation made accordingly.

*Tenor ordina-
cionis predictae
in br' predicto
specificat'.* Ordinance made in Parliament to the effect that, in view of the great scarcity of money, the Master of the Mint in the Tower shall make of every Tower-pound of gold 50 nobles of gold, and of a similar pound of silver 30 shillings sterling, so that this gold and silver be of the same good "allay" as the old money, as well within the town of Calais as in the

¹ 'Statutes at Large' (1758), i. 483-6.

² The oath to be taken by such Assayers is recorded *supra*, p. 98.



Tower of London. This ordinance to commence at Easter next, and to continue for two years.¹

10 March, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411-12], the sum of 40 marks formerly bequeathed by John Lake to William, Alice, Johanna, and Margery his children, now delivered by John Profyt, the Chamberlain, to the said William, he being of full age and his sisters being dead.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation forbidding the King's subjects to leave the realm for France in the present disturbed state of that country.² Witness the King at Canterbury, 10 April, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412].

*Br'e d'ni Reg^s
proclam' xiiii
die April' a^o
xiii q'd nullus
exeat
regnum [sic].*

Be it remembered that on the 12th January, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411-12], Robert Chichele, the Mayor, accompanied by a number of Aldermen, left the City by a certain postern in the North wall between the gates of Bisshopesgate and Crepylgate, and crossing the ditch came to the common land of the City called "la More," until lately the strongest and most impregnable part (*pars forcior et inexpugnabilior*) of the City, and found it covered with gardens, trees, hedges, as well as rubbish and filth, whereby the City's ditch, which, when John Philippot was Mayor, was cleaned out at great cost to the City,³ was utterly destroyed and filled up. Thereupon, on Friday the 15th January, it was ordained by the said Mayor and Aldermen that the owners of such trees, hedges, &c., should remove them by the Feast of the Purification [2 Feb.], and that no one should establish gardens there in future.⁴

*Fo. cxi.
Ordinacio pro
gardinis herbis
sepib' fimis
robhosis et aliis
sordib' fetidis
sup' la more
exist'
ammovend'.*

18 Feb., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411-12], ordinance by the Mayor and Aldermen to the effect that thenceforth eels brought to the City in "eleshippes" for sale shall be sold by weight, viz.,

*Ordinacio pro
anguill'
ponderand'
et vendend'
per pondera
juxta rat'
assessam.*

¹ 'Rot. Parl.' iii. 658. The ordinance will be found set out in English in Ruding's 'Annals of the Coinage of Great Britain,' i. 493-4. Cf. Kingsford's 'Chronicles,' p. 68.

² The Dukes of Burgundy and Orleans were at war, and both were anxious to secure the support of Henry.

³ See 'Cal. Letter-Book II,' pp. 127-8.

⁴ Three years later the civic authorities themselves caused the moor to be laid out in gardens for the purpose of letting them at a rent to such persons as desired them. *Infra*, fo. clii. 'Memorials,' pp. 614-15.

large eels, called "stobelele," at 2*d.* a pound; middling eels, called "shastele," at 1½*d.* a pound; and small eels, called "pymperneel," at 1*d.*¹

Fo. cxib.
*Allocacio cert'
terre concessa
Rectori et
parochian' Sc'i
Joh'is de
Walbroke.*

Be it remembered that on Friday the 18th April, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], Robert Brome, Rector of the church of St. John de Walbrooke, and parishioners of the same petitioned Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen that a piece of waste land to the north of the choir of the said church, 21 ft. in length, 7 ft. 3 in. in breadth, and also comprising one foot of the public soil of the City to the south of the said choir, might be granted to them and their successors for the enlargement of the said church; the said Rector and parishioners giving up 5½ ft. of land to the east of the choir for the enlargement of the highway. Their petition granted for a term of 100 years on payment of an annual rent of one penny to the Chamber, the land having been viewed and measured by the said Mayor, accompanied by Thomas Prestone, the Recorder, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knolles, William Croumere, Nicholas Wottone, Henry Bartone, Stephen Speleman, Henry Haltone, William Nortone, William Chichele, John Penne, and Thomas Pyke, Aldermen, Walter Cottone and John Reynewelle, the Sheriffs, John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, John Westone, the Common Pleader, and others, Commoners, together with Walter Waltone, William Wyltshire, Walter Myltone, and Robert Lardyner, the City's sworn Masons and Carpenters.

Fo. cxii.
*Proclamacio
facta pro viag'
in Guyen'
xx^{mo} die Maie.*

Writ of Privy Seal to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all those owing service to the King to assemble in the City on the 15th June to proceed with the King to France to recover possession of the Duchy of Aquitaine, inasmuch as ambassadors from the Duke of Orleans and the Armagnacs² had offered to restore the same.³ Witness the King at Westminster, 16 May, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412].

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 580-1.

² The marriage of Charles of Orleans with a daughter of the Count of Armagnac in 1409 had been followed by an alliance of Orleans and Armagnac

with the Dukes of Berri, Bourbon, and Brittany. This party had adopted the name of Armagnac.

³ Early in the year (1412) a change of ministers had taken place, and this

14 June, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], came William at Welle, one of the executors of John Waltone, ironmonger, and delivered to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, the sum of £17, being patrimony due to John, son of the said John Waltone.

*Custodia Joh'is
filii Joh's
Walton' nup'
civis et ferron'.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 21st Oct., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], the guardianship of the said orphan, together with his patrimony, was committed by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the above Chamberlain to Benedict Nicoll' [Nichols], Bishop of Bangor. Sureties, viz., John Norman, goldsmith, and John Knotte, tailor.

21 June, proclamation made forbidding vintners, taverners, brewers, cooks, and others to keep their doors open after 10 P.M. on the Eves of St. John the Bapt. [24 June] and SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], &c.¹

Fo. cxii b.

*Proclamacio
facta xxj die
Junii.*

Precept to the Aldermen to set an armed watch in their respective Wards on the nights and vigils of the above Feasts.

*Consimiles
bille misse
fuerunt cui-
lib't Aldr'o.*

Return made to commission [recorded *supra*, p. 99], by Robert Chichely, the Mayor, Walter Cottone and John Reynwell, the Sheriffs, Richard Whityngtone, and Thomas Knolles, to the effect that no certain value could be estimated of lands and tenements in the City, owing to lack of tenants and injuries by fire and water; nevertheless they had caused inquiries to be made on oath as to the present value of such lands and tenements, and as to the names of the men, women, and other persons (*hominum feminarum et aliarum personarum*), required by the commission, and they certify the same in the following *a, b, c*; but what lands and tenements the said men, women, and other persons above specified, or others in trust for them, hold elsewhere, and the value of them, they declare themselves unable to discover.²

*Responsum
comissionis
in quaterno
precedente.*

was followed by a complete reversal of England's foreign policy. The Burgundian alliance was given up, and a treaty concluded in London on the 18th May with the Armagnacs on the terms offered by the envoys. Walsingham, ii. 287-8. Rymer, 'Fœdera,' viii. 738-42.

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 581.

² The schedule or "a, b, c" of names is not recorded in the Letter-Book, but a return made by the Commissioners of the various owners of property in the City, its gross value, and the amount payable thereon for the subsidy, is recorded

Fo. cxiii. Letters patent touching the repayment of a City loan of 10,000 marks in view of his proposed expedition to Aquitaine. Witness the King at Westminster, 9 June, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412].¹
*L'ra patens
 d'ni Regis pro
 securital' x mⁱ
 marcar' eidem
 mutual' per
 co'ital' Lon-
 don'.*

Fo. cxiii b. 2 July, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], Adam Pelles, of Holt Market, citizen and "foundour," discharged by Robert Chichile, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.
*Exoneracio
 Ade Pelles de
 Holt Market
 civis et foun-
 dour London'.*

*Judicium pil-
 lor' pro una
 tals' obliga-
 cione fabricat'.* 15 July, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], John Rykone, "cord-
 waner," condemned to the pillory for forging a bond in the name of John Dyce, "wodemonger."²

*Judicium
 pillor' pro uno
 qui se finxit
 sanctum
 heremitam.* 23 July, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], William Blakeney, "shetilmaker," condemned to the pillory with a whetstone about his neck for pretending to be a hermit and pilgrim.

Fo. cxiv. 16 July, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], the guardianship of Margaret, John, William, and Thomas, children of Walter Kynge, late grocer, together with their patrimony, committed by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to Walter Gawtroun, draper, and Johanna his wife, mother of the said children. Sureties, viz., William Nortone, Alderman and draper, and John Grace, "peautrer."
*Custodia
 pueror' Wal-
 teri Kynge
 grossar.*

Fo. cxiv b. Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for the due observance of a truce concluded with Flanders for a term of five years from the 15th June, anno 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411]. Witness the King at Westminster, 27 July, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412].³
*Proclamatur
 istud br'e pro
 treugis ob-
 servandis
 tercio die
 Augusti.*

in a Lay Subsidy Roll of the Exchequer preserved at the Public Record Office, and is printed in the *Archæological Journal* (vol. xlv. pp. 56 *et seq.*). The gross rental is there returned as £4,220, and the amount realized for the subsidy—at 6s. 8d. on every £20—£70 6s. 8d.

¹ Rymer, 'Fœdera,' viii. 747-8.

² 'Memorials,' p. 582.

³ A writ to similar effect, addressed to the Captain of Calais and dated 11 June, is printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' viii. 751.

12 Aug., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], William Derman, "laborer," condemned to the pillory for pretending to be a collector of alms, &c., for the Hospital of St. Mary of Bedlem without Bishopsgate.¹

*Judicium
pillor³ pro uno
qui se finxit
mendicum pro
hospit³ de
Bedlem.*

16 July, 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], Master Simon Flegge, a notary public, William Punchard and John Fossard, clerks, servants of the said Simon, condemned to the pillory for forging seals and circulating various fraudulent documents, Papal Bulls, &c.²

Fo. cxv.
*Judicium
pillor³ pro
trib³ ho'ib³ con-
trofactor³
sigill³ d'ni
Pape et al³
d'nor³ Anglie.*

Wednesday after the Feast of Assumption B.M. [15 Aug.], 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], an inquisition taken before Walter Cottone and John Reynwelle, the Sheriffs, touching divers misprisions in the City, by the oath of Thomas Frythe, John Wayte, John Bisshope, John Martyn, William Suttone, Thomas Rede, William Okham, John Spenser, Clement Cole, Thomas Vale, Roger Couper, and John Mayster, who find Laurence Newport guilty of forging a Papal Bull, which he delivered to Robert Heremyt, chaplain of co. Norfolk, for a sum of 10 marks; also of fraudulently obtaining another Bull called "corody"³ from the house of the Abbot of Maumesbury, co. Wilts. Mention is made of John Newport, brother of the said Laurence.

Fo. cxv b.
*Judicium
pillor³
Laurenc³ Neu-
port qui ex-
posuit divers³
bullas contro-
fact³.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 20th August, before the Mayor and Aldermen, other jurors, viz., Thomas Clerc, John Hertwelle, John Fox, John Bulbrook, John Stubber, John Hane, William Moore, William Harry, John Pakwode, Simon Inglond, William George, and John Taillour, find the said Laurence guilty of the articles in the above indictment. He is therefore condemned to the pillory.

30 Aug., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], George Cressy, goldsmith, discharged by Robert Chychele, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. cxvi.
*Exoneracio
Georgii Cressy
civis et aur³
London³.*

26 Aug., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], came Laurence Newport before Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and

*Recognicio
Laur³ Newport
facta Cam³ar³
London³.*

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 586.

² *Id.*, p. 583.

³ The term "corrody" was ap-

plied to an allowance of food or money bestowed by a religious house.

acknowledged himself bound to pay the sum of £100 to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, on the Feast of the Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.] next ensuing.

Conditio recogn' predicte.

The above bond to be void if the said Laurence cease to counterfeit Bulls, &c., forge seals, and maintain the suits of others.

Custodia pueror' Ric'i Fitz Andrew civis London'.

2 Aug., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], came Roger Fitz Andrew and Sir Thomas Oswaldkyrk, Rector of the church of St. George near Estchepe, executors of Richard Fitz Andrew, and delivered to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, the sum of £25 and certain chattels belonging to Johanna, Idonia, Richard, and Matilda, children of the said Richard Fitz Andrew.

Afterwards, viz., on the 12th May, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], in the presence of Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, John Hille, the Chamberlain, delivered her patrimony to the above Johanna, together with a bed of "worstede" and a mazer cup (*murra*).

Fo. cxvi b.

Judicium Thome Derlyng serjaunt ad pillor' et amotus ab officio servient'.

8 Aug., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], Thomas Derlyng, a Serjeant with Walter Cottone, one of the Sheriffs, examined as to his behaviour towards John Penne, a former Sheriff, under whom he had served, and Alderman of the City. On the 20th August the said Thomas acknowledged that he had slandered the Alderman, and was condemned to the pillory, but the punishment was remitted.¹

Memorand' de c'j libr' tradit' Joh'is Proffyt Cam'ar quousq' etc.

3 Sept., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], came John Clement, one of the executors of Peter Brykelesworth, draper, and delivered to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, a sum of money due to John, son of the said Peter, in trust for him.

Fo. cxvii.

Custodia Joh'is fil Petri Bryklesworth pannar'.

5 Sept., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], the guardianship of John, son of Peter Brykelsworth, together with his property, committed by Robert Chychele, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to Johanna, the orphan's mother. Sureties, viz., John Gedeney, draper, and Richard Stace, "juweler."

Exon'ar' custod' predict' etc.

Afterwards, viz., on the 4th Feb., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418-19], came the above orphan and acknowledged that he had received his property from John Hille, the Chamberlain.

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 585.

19 Sept., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], Henry Wottone, smith, discharged by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., inasmuch as he was too much occupied with making the iron-work (*circa ferramenta*) for the Guildhall to attend.

*Exon'acio
Henr' Wottone
civis et fabr'
Guilhalde civi-
tal' prediete.*

Wednesday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], in the presence of Robert Chichele, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knolles, Richard Merlawe, Thomas Fauconer, Henry Bartone, Nicholas Wottone, William Nortone, William Louthe, Thomas Polle, Henry Haltone, William Chichele, Stephen Speleman, and Thomas Pyke, Aldermen, Walter Cottone and John Reynwelle, Sheriffs, and very many Commoners summoned for the election of Sheriffs at the Guildhall, Ralph Lobenham was elected one of the Sheriffs for the year ensuing by the Mayor, and William Sevenok, grocer, was elected the other Sheriff by the Commonalty.

Fo. cxvii b.
*Eleccio vice-
comitum
Cam'ar' et
auditor' com-
poti.*

The same day John Proffyt was elected Chamberlain of the City; Henry Julyan and John Whatele were elected Wardens of the Bridge¹; Stephen Speleman and William Chichele, Aldermen; and Alan Everard, mercer, William Burton, grocer, William Fitzhugh, goldsmith, and William Weston, draper, Commoners, were elected Auditors of the accounts of the Chamberlain and Wardens aforesaid.

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday the Eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], the said Sheriffs were sworn at the Guildhall, and on the following Friday were presented and accepted before the Barons of the Exchequer.

Precept to the several Aldermen to cause a sum equal to half a fifteenth to be levied in their Wards on all inhabitants, as well as all clerics, for lands and tenements acquired since the 20th year of King Edward I.,² and to have the money ready at

Fo. cxviii.
*Consimiles
bille misse
fuerunt cui-
lib't Aldr'o.*

¹ It is to be noted that for several years neither the Chamberlain nor the Wardens of London Bridge are recorded as having been annually elected after the election of Sheriffs

on St. Matthew's Day, as prescribed in 1404. *Vide supra*, pp. 33, 76n.

² That is to say, since 1291, the year of the renewal of the stringent valuation of benefices known as the

the Guildhall by the Eve of All Saints [1 Nov.]. Dated 5 Oct., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412].

*Exoneracio
Henr' Rou-
land civis et
Cisson' Lon-
don'.*

17 Oct., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], Henry Rouland, tailor, discharged by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Licence granted by William Walderne, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, under the seal of the Mayoralty, to John Canoun, John Rolf, John Bardolf, and Alexander Brian, common labourers in boats called "lyghters," for bringing food to the City, and all other freemen of the City, to take sand or gravel for the purpose of ballast (*pur lastage*) from both sides of the Thames without payment, provided they do not damage the banks of the river. Dated 11 Jan., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412-13].¹

Fo. cxviii b.

*Eleccio
Will'mi Wal-
derne Maioris.*

Thursday the Feast of Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], in the presence of Robert Chichele, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Sir William [Harew-done], the Prior of Christchurch, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knolles, John Shadworth, William Askham, Richard Merlawe, William Walderne, William Croumer, Nicholas Wottone, Henry Bartone, Stephen Speleman, Thomas Fauconer, Thomas Polle, William Louthe, William Nortone, William Chichele, John Penne, John Lane, Walter Cottone, Thomas Pyke, Henry Hal-tone, [Aldermen] William Sevenok and Ralph Lobenham, Aldermen and Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty summoned for the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing, Mass having been celebrated in the chapel of the Guildhall according to custom, William Walderne was elected Mayor. On Friday the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.] he was sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer.

Fo. cxix.

*De ten' voc' le
Brokenseld in
Westchepe in
qua Warda
debet assideri
et taxari.*

Thursday, the 18th Nov., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], an inquisition held on the oath of good men of the Wards of Chepe, Crepylgate, Faryndone Within, and Quenhithe, viz.,

Taxation of Pope Nicholas, which continued in force until the Reformation. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 175n.

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 589, where the date is incorrectly given as 20 Jan.

John Cotes, Richard Burgeys, John Alcok, William Bole, John Goodborough, and John Soys, of the Ward of Chepe; Ralph Bentele and Thomas Underhille, of the Ward of Crepylgate; John Polet and Thomas Felype, of the Ward of Faryndone Within; and William atte Welle and John Ingram, of the Ward of Quenhithe, who declared that the tenement called "le Brokenseld"—now a Sheriff's Compter situate opposite "le Standard," on the south side of Westchepe—was entirely in the Ward of Bredstret, and not in the Ward of Cordwanerstret, and as such should be assessed and taxed.

22 Nov., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], John atte Lee, senior, "chaundeler," discharged by William Walderne, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exoneracio
Joh'is atte Lee
senioris civis
et chaundeler
London'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on the morrow of the Purification B.M. [2 Feb.] next ensuing. No Sheriff to be returned.¹ Witness the King at Westminster, 1 Dec., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412].

*Br'e pro elec-
cione civium
eundi ad par-
liamentum.*

Pursuant to the above, Drew Barantyn and William Askham, Aldermen, and William Marcheford and Walter Gawtroun, Commoners, were elected.

*Noi'a civium
elect' eundi ad
parliament'.*

5 Dec., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], Robert "in the hey," co. Essex, citizen and "ferroure," discharged by William Walderne, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, owing to increasing old age.

Fo. cxix b.
*Exoneracio
Rob'ti in the
hey civis et
ferroure Lon-
don'.*

Precept to the Aldermen to hold their Wardmotes and return such matters as they are themselves unable to redress to the Mayor at his General Court, to be held on Monday after the Epiphany [6 Jan.]; also to take the usual steps for safe-

*Consimiles
bille misse fue-
runt cuilib't
Aldermannno
London'.*

¹ Except for the addition of this clause touching the non-election of Sheriffs, the form of the writ follows the previous writs of 1409 and 1411 (*supra*, pp. 81, 95). Subsequent writs recorded in the Letter-Book are of similar form to the above, the writ

of 1414 alone omitting the clause touching Sheriffs (*infra*, fo. cxxxvi). This Parliament being held to have been dissolved by the King's death, a fresh writ was issued on the 22nd March, 1412-13. *Vide infra*, fo. cxxiii.

guarding, cleansing, and lighting the streets, &c. Dated 12 Dec., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412].

*Exoneracio
Alani Walsyngham civis
et allutarii
London'.*

17 Dec., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], Alan Walsyngham, cordwainer, discharged by William Walderne, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Comissio d'ni
Regis Justic'
ad gaolam de
Neugate delib'and'
assignat'.*

Letters patent appointing William Walderne, the Mayor, William Gascoigne, William Thirnyng, John Cokayn, Hugh Huls, William Hankeford, Robert Tirwhit, John Colpepir, Robert Hill, and John Prestone, or any nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, or two of them (the Mayor being one), to be Justices for gaol-delivery of Neugate. Witness the King at Westminster, 22 Nov., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412].

Fo. cxx.

*Inquisicio
capt' pro ten'
Margarete
Philpot que
Th' Chipsted
modo tenet in
qua Warda
taxari debet et
assideri.*

14 Dec., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412], complaint made before Richard Walderne, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, by good men of the Ward of Langborne, that Thomas Chypsted had closed one of the principal entrances to a tenement and tavern called "le Mone," situate near another tavern called "le Sonne," in the parish of St. Mary Wolnoth, in the said Ward of Langborne, and had substituted two entrances, one in Berbynderslane,¹ and the other in St. Swithinslane, in the Ward of Walbroke, to the prejudice of the Ward of Langborne. Thereupon order given to Otho Brys, a Serjeant of the Mayor, to summon a jury from the four adjacent Wards, viz., Cornhill, Broad Street, Bishopsgate, and Bridge. The jurors, viz., Ralph Bate, John Melcheborne, and John Claveryng, of the Ward of Cornhill; Henry Anketyll, William Bysmare, and John Combe, of Broad Street; Adam Gace, Thomas Balsham, and John Mogoun, of Bishopsgate; and Alan Walsyngham, William Caldewelle, and John Ade, of the Ward of Bridge, find that the said tenement and shops are situate wholly in the Ward of Langborne and parish of St. Mary de Wolnoth, and are chargeable for that Ward alone.

*Proclamacio
facta vicesimo
primo die
mensis No-
vembris.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all persons having grievances against the subjects of the King of Castile

¹ Now George Street.

and Leon since Henry, the late King of Castile,¹ began to reign, to appear at Bayonne by Easter next, in person or by their attorneys, and state their grievances, with a view to justice being done. Witness the King at Westminster, 13 Nov., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412].

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to bring up John Hertwelle, a prisoner, before the Chancery on Saturday next, together with the cause of his arrest and detention. Witness the King at Westminster, 27 Jan., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412-13].

Fo. cxx b.
*Br'e pro Joh'e
Hertwelle qui
abduxit
Elenam Dyster
orphanam ex
civital'.*

Return made to the above by William Walderne, the Mayor, William Sevenok and Ralph Lobenham, the Sheriffs, to the effect that the custody of orphans and their property had time out of mind been vested in the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being in trust, and that the above John Hertwelle had confessed to having removed Elena, daughter of Thomas Dyster, late mercer, under 10 years of age, and entitled to property, from the liberty of the City, contrary to the will of the Mayor and Aldermen, and contrary to the aforesaid custom; but, nevertheless, they would produce the said John Hertwelle, who had been committed to prison, pursuant to the above writ.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation forbidding the carrying of wool and woollfells to Holland and Zeland instead of to the Staple at Calais. Witness the King at Westminster, 3 Jan., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412-13].

*Proclamacio
facta tricesimo
die mensis
Januarii.*

29 Jan., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412-13], William Bartone, Keeper of the Compter of William Sevenok, one of the Sheriffs, removed from office for letting John Hertwelle, a prisoner, go at large without orders.

*Anmocio
Will'i Bartone
Janitor' com-
putat' ab o'i
off'o h'end'
infra etc.*

14 March, 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412-13], ordinance by the Common Council increasing the fees to be paid by apprentices; for enrolment of deeds and wills; for documents bearing the Mayoralty Seal; and, further, increasing the amount of fines

Fo. cxxi.
*Ordinac' pro
sustentac' novi
operis Gui-
halde London'.*

¹ Henry III. of Castile, who had married in 1388 Katherine, daughter of John, Duke of Lancaster, by his wife Constance of Castile, whereby

the war of the Castilian succession came to an end. Walsingham, ii. 194. Cf. *supra*, p. 83n.

and amercements in the Mayor's Court and those imposed upon victuallers and hostellers for infringing proclamations; and for the profits arising therefrom to be devoted to the new work at the Guildhall for a term of six years.¹

27 March, 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], ordinance by William Sevenok, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty that the above fees and fines should be continued for the same purpose for a term of three years.

Fo. cxxi b.

*Custodia Ric'i
Ros fil' Ric'i
Ros nup' civis
et mercer'
London'.*

14 March, 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412-13], the guardianship of Richard, son of Richard Roos, late mercer, together with property left to him by his father and by John Wodecok and Thomas Roos, the orphan's brother, committed by William Walderne, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to Elias Davy, mercer, who married the orphan's mother. Sureties, viz., Thomas Provendre and Thomas Halle, mercers.

*Exon'ac' cert'
honor' et catall'
Joh' Wodecok
jun' legat' et
distribut'.*

17 March, 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412-13], came John, son of John Wodecok, mercer, being now of full age, and acknowledged that he had received from John Shadworth, William Marcheford, Thomas Aleyn, mercers, Sir Peter Yevan, clerk, John Staplesford, and Simon Flete, late apprentice to the orphan's father, executors of the deceased, certain goods, comprising cups, spoons, salt-cellars, a "pouderbox" of silver, a coat of mail, a "paunce,"² a "pysan,"³ a "bacynet" with "le umbrer,"⁴ a pair of "vauntbras," a pair of "rerebras,"⁵ a pair of "leggeharneys,"⁶ a pair of gloves of "plate," a "brestplate," a shield, a pair of "platys"⁷ covered with red velvet, a "prykinghatte"⁸ covered with black velvet, a "hansylette"⁹ of red damask, a doublet of black "baudekyn"

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 589-91.

² Armour for the paunch.

³ A kind of breastplate (?).

⁴ A projection over the slit made in a helmet for purposes of ventilation.

⁵ Otherwise "vambraces" and "rerebraces," armour plates for the front and back of the arm, or, it may be, for protecting the fore-arm and upper arm respectively. See *Archæol.*, vol. lviii. Pt. i. pp. 41-2.

⁶ Armour for the legs, otherwise known as "jambes" or "jammers."

⁷ Possibly breast and back plates, to which the helm was fastened.

⁸ A tilting helm (?).

⁹ Probably a "hanscement," or jacket worn immediately under the armour to protect the body from the hard metal.

and "blunket," and a sword called "an armyngswerd"; also the sum of £20, bequeathed to him by Thomas Austyn, mercer, his grandfather.

Recital of divers statutes and ordinances touching aulnage of cloth [*Ends abruptly*].

[Fo. cxxii b *blank*.]

20th March, between the hours of seven and eight in the morning¹ (*ante meridiem*), A.D. 1412[-13], died King Henry IV. at Westminster, immediately after whose death Henry V., his first-born son, began to reign.

27 March, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], John de Sudbure, grocer, discharged by William Walderne, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster three weeks after Easter [23 April].² No Sheriff to be returned. Witness the King at Westminster, 22 March, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1412-13].

Pursuant to the above writ there were elected Drew Barantyn and William Askham, Aldermen; William Marcheford and Walter Gawtroun, Commoners.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation forbidding the placing, packing, or showing of cloth or other merchandise, imported or exported, in any place except that appointed by the Treasurer of England, so that the King be not defrauded

Fo. cxxii.
*De ulnagio
diversor' pan-
nor'.*

Fo. cxxiii.
*Obitus Regis
Henrici quarti
apud Westm'.*

*Exoneracio
Joh'is de Sud-
bur' civis et
Grossar' Lon-
don'.*

*Br'e de venire
fac' cives ad
parliament'
pro Rege.*

*Proclamacio
facta sexto die
mensis Aprilis.*

¹ The exact day and hour of the death of Henry IV. have been much contested. See Wylie, 'Hist. of England under Henry IV.,' vol. iv. p. 105, note 3. According to Prof. Oman ('The Political History of England, 1377-1485,' p. 229), he died "at nightfall" of the 20th March, but on what authority the statement is made does not appear. This notification in the City's Records appears to be but little known.

² A Parliament had been summoned by the late King to meet on the 3rd Feb., 1412-13 (*supra*, fo.

cxix), but his death having caused it to be dissolved, this fresh writ was issued. The City members returned were the same as those returned to the previous writ. The statement made by the late Bishop Stubbs ('Const. Hist.,' iii. 78) to the effect that "the Parliament which had met before the death of Henry IV. continued to sit as the first Parliament of his successor" appears, in the face of these writs, to require some qualification. The Parliament sat from the 15th May until the 9th June.

of his Custom dues. Witness the King at Westminster, 30 March, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

*Exon'acio
Ric'i Barton
civis et aur'
London'.*

4 April, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], Richard, son of Thomas Barton, goldsmith, discharged by William Walderne, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. cxxiii b.
*Exon'acio
Thome Rogers
de Holtmarket
civis et sadeler.*

5 April, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], Thomas Rogers, of Holtmarket, co. Norf., "sadeler," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Imprisona-
ment' Galfridi
Lovey pro
menda' factis
sup' Th' Fau-
coner Ald'.*

19 May, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], Geoffrey Lovey, mercer, committed to Neugate for cursing and slandering his master, Thomas Fauconer, an Alderman.¹

*Proclam' facta
quinto decimo
die mensis
Aprilis.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all persons enjoying annuities, &c., by grants of Henry IV., Richard II., Edward III., or John, Duke of Lancaster, to return true copies of such grants into Chancery by the 22nd May. Witness the King at Westminster, 12 April, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

*Proclamac'
facta vicesimo
secundo die
mensis
Aprilis.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of letters patent appointing Lodowic John² Keeper of the King's Exchange in the City of London and the town of Calais, as well as Keeper of the King's Mint in the Tower of London and town of Calais. Witness the King at Westminster, 14 April, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

Fo. cxxiv.

Letters patent appointing Lodowic John to the above offices. Witness the King at Westminster, 8 April, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].³

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 592-3.

² Lewis John, a Welshman of the Vintry, who, in conjunction with Thomas Chaucer, the King's Butler, and John Snypton, had occasion to complain to the Parliament of Nov. 1414 of his inability to recover payment for wine supplied to the late King, although the new King had assigned to certain Commissioners the sum of 25,000 marks (to extend over a term of 4 years) to pay his father's household debts. He also petitioned the same Parliament that

he, who had become a freeman of the City, might be absolved from the disabilities imposed upon all Welshmen in 1400 by Stat. 2 Hen. IV. cap. xiii. His prayer was granted. 'Rot. Parl.,' iv. 37-8, 44-5.

³ Set out (together with the above writ) by Jules Delpit in his 'Collection générale des documents Français qui se trouvent en Angleterre,' pp. 214-16. In the following year the King granted similar privileges for a term of three years. *Vide infra*, fo. cxxiv.

2 May, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], precept to the Sheriffs not to take nor allow their officers to take two carts belonging to Henry "Cook," carter, as they were being employed on the new work of the Guildhall.¹

Fo. cxxiv b.
*Q'd due carecte
Henrici
"Cok" carect'
Guihalde non
capien' per
Vic' etc.*

19 May, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], grant by William Walderne, the Mayor, and Aldermen to Matthew de Suthworth of an annuity of £10 on account of his good service hitherto (*hactenus*) as Recorder² of the City; also of the sum of 10 marks for the past year to be paid him at Michaelmas next.

*Feod' decem
libr' concess'
Matheo de
Suthworth
nup' Re-
cordator'.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to admit Richard Alfeld to the office of Deputy Coroner, to which he had been nominated by Thomas Chaucer, the King's Chief Butler, to whom the office of Coroner of the City appertains, but who had no leisure to attend to it. Witness the King at Westminster, 22 May, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

*Br'e ad sub-
stituend'
Ric'm Alfeld
ad officium
Subcoronat'.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to set an armed watch in their Wards during the nights and eves of St. John Bapt. [24 June] and SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], and to take precautions against fire, &c. Dated 16 June, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

*Consimeles
[sic] bille
misse fuer'
cuilibet Alder-
manno.*

8 June, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], proclamation forbidding vintners, taverners, and others to keep their houses open after 9 o'clock at night at the time of the above Festivals, or to sell wine, beer, or victual before 6 o'clock of the following morning; also ordering a light to be kept burning outside houses on the eves of the said Festivals.

*Proclamacio
facta decimo
octavo die
mensis Junii
a'o H. quinti
primo.*

7 Aug., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], Edmund atte Wode, tapicer, discharged by William Walderne, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exoneracio
Ed'i atte
Wode civis et
Tapicer
London'.*

Letter from Thomas [Arundel], Archbishop of Canterbury,³ to the Mayor and Aldermen, enjoining that the Barbers of London be ordered to close their shops on Sunday under penalty of a fine to the Chamber—the payment of such a fine being likely

Fo. cxxv.
*Ordinac' q'd
barbitonsores
non operent
nec teneant
shopas apert'
dieb' dominicis
per annum.*

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 592.

² He last appears as Recorder in Oct., 1403 (*supra*, p. 27). In October of the following year his place is taken by Thomas Thornburgh (*supra*, p. 36).

³ He had been discharged from the Chancellorship immediately on the accession of Henry V., and been succeeded by Henry Beaufort.

to have a greater effect upon them than the penalty of excommunication. Dated at "Ikham,"¹ 13 July [A.D. 1413].

Thereupon, on the 24th July, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], it was ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen that no one practising the art of a Barber should work thenceforth on Sunday, under penalty of paying 6s. 8d. for each offence, viz., 5s. to the Chamberlain for the use of the Guildhall, and the remaining 20d. to the Masters or Wardens of the Barbers of the City for the time being.²

*Comissio pro
delib'ac' gaole
de Neugate
faciend'.*

Letters patent appointing William Walderne, the Mayor, William Hankeford, William Thirnyng, Hugh Huls, Robert Hill, Robert Tirwhit, John Cokayn, John Colpepir, and John Prestone, or any eight, seven, six, five, four, three, or two (the Mayor being one), to be Justices for gaol-delivery of Neugate. Witness the King at Westminster, 16 May, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

Fo. cxxv b.

*Exoneracio
Will'i Rendre
civis et Bar-
bour civit'
London'.*

20 Sept., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], William Rendre, "barbour," discharged by William Walderne, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., *on account of the long-used privileges of his mistery* as well as on account of his infirmities.

*Proclamac'
contra Lol-
lards et
manutentores
eorum.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to make proclamation forbidding chaplains to uphold the opinions of the new sect of Lollards (*nova secta Lollardorum*), and ordering the arrest of those found so doing. Witness the King at Westminster, 21 Aug., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].³

¹ Ickham, near Wingham, co. Kent, where the Archbishop of Canterbury had a palace. A translation of the letter is set out in 'Memorials' (pp. 593-4), and reprinted in Sidney Young's 'Annals of the Barber-Surgeons' (pp. 48-9).

² It has been ruled in modern times that a barber does not exercise a "trade," and so does not come within the purview of Sunday Trading Acts.

³ Printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' ix. 46. The accession of Henry V. was marked by a recrudescence of Lollardry under the leadership of Sir John Oldcastle, and by more serious efforts than had been made in the last reign to put it down. By a statute of 1414 (Stat. 2 Hen. V. cap. vii.) the secular power was authorized to take the initiative in suppressing heresy.

19 Sept., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], John Woke, *alias* Rysle, glover, discharged by William Walderne, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exoneracio
Joh'is Woke
al' dict' Rysle
civis et Glover
Lond'.*

Thursday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], in the presence of William Walderne, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Thomas Knolles, Thomas Fauconer, Henry Bartone, Henry Haltone, Stephen Speleman, William Louthe, Thomas Pyke, John Penne, John Lane, William Sevenok, and Ralph Lobenham, Aldermen, and very many Commoners summoned for the election of Sheriffs, John Suttone, Commoner, citizen and grocer, was elected one of the Sheriffs by the Mayor, and John Michole, vintner and Commoner, was elected the other Sheriff by the Commonalty.

*Vo. cxxvi.
Eleccio vice-
comitum civi-
tatis London'.*

On Saturday the morrow of the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.] the said Sheriffs were presented and accepted before the Barons of the Exchequer.

Thursday, the Feast of St. Matthew aforesaid, Thomas Pyke and William Norton, Aldermen, John Michell and Thomas Mayneld, grocers, Walter Gawtroun, draper, and John Coventre, mercer, Commoners [were elected Auditors of the accounts of the Chamberlain and Wardens of London Bridge].

9 Oct., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], Richard, son of William Persone, of Wynchecombe, co. Glouces., armourer, discharged by William Walderne, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to deafness and other infirmities.

*Exon'acio
Ric'i Person'
civis et
Armurar'
London'.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to cause good and loyal men to be elected for assessing a sum equal to half a fifteenth in their Wards, the same to be levied on all inhabitants, including clerics holding lands and tenements purchased since the twentieth year of King Edward I.¹ The money to be brought to the Guildhall by the eve of All Saints [1 Nov.]. Dated 12 Oct., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

*Consimiles
bille misse
fuerunt
cuilibet
Aldermannno*

16 Oct., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], ordinance by the Mayor and Aldermen that no one in future shall be an Alderman unless born within the realm of England and his father be an Englishman.

*Q'd null'erit
Aldr' nisi nat'
fuerit infra
Regnum
Angl' et p'r
eius Anglicus.*

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 107n.

*Judicium
Joh'is Ask-
wythe pro
obstinac'
cont^a Will'
Sevenok
Aldermann'.*

Tuesday, 26 Sept., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], John Askwythe, scrivener, charged with letting escape a certain chaplain in custody for adultery, whereupon he assaulted William Sevenok, Sheriff and Alderman. On Tuesday the 17th October the said John was adjudged to be deprived of the franchise and to be committed to Neugate for a year and a day.¹

Fo. cxxvi b.

*Judicium com-
bustion' barell'
quia defece-
runt de justa
mesur'.*

Monday, 9 Oct., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], Richard Bartlot, fishmonger, charged with making a number of barrels and "ferdkyns" of wood which was not sound and entire, but sawn in the middle (*de ligno non puro nec integro set in med' serrat'*)² and also full of "sappe," contrary to the ordinance made during the Mayoralty of Drew Barentyn and enrolled in the Chamber of the Guildhall,³ the said vessels also being of defective capacity. Thereupon precept to John Blecchele, Serjeant of the Chamber, to seize the said vessels, which, after examination, were adjudged by the Mayor and Aldermen to be burnt.⁴

*Exon'acio
Jacobi
Surendene
civis et mer-
ceri London'.*

26 Oct., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], James Surrendene, mercer, discharged by William Walderne, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to his infirmities.

*Eleccio Will'i
Croumer
Maioris.*

Friday, the Feast of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], after Mass in the Guildhall Chapel, in the presence of William Walderne, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Sir William "Haryndone," Prior of Holy Trinity, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knolles, John Shadworth, William Askham, Richard Merlawe, Robert Chichele, William Croumer, Thomas Fauconer, Henry Bartone, William Nortone, Henry Haltone, Nicholas Wottone, Stephen Speleman, William Louthe, John Lane, Thomas Pyke, John Penne, William Sevenoke, and Ralph

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 595-6. On fos. cclxxxvi-ccxc *infra* will be found a record of proceedings taken against a number of criminous priests—mostly chaplains celebrating in the City—*temp.* Henry IV.—Henry VI.

² "Not pure or sound, but sawn from the middle" (Riley). This accords with a note in the margin,

viz., Judicium combustionis barell' quia facta fuerunt de medio ligno et sappe, but it is questionable whether it be the correct interpretation of the text, which appears to mean that the staves of the barrels were cut in two and joined in the middle.

³ *Vide supra*, pp. 74-5.

⁴ 'Memorials,' pp. 596-7.

Lobenham, Aldermen, John Suttone and John Michole, Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty summoned for the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing, William Croumer was elected.

Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], the said William Croumer was sworn in the Guildhall, and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer.

Letters patent appointing Stephen Speleman, William de Louthe, William Burtone, and John Shawe to be commissioners for levying the subsidy granted in the last Parliament for the defence of the realm. Witness the King at Westminster, 5 July, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

Fo. cxxvii.

*Commissio pro
una quinta-
decima integra
levand' in
London'.*

Statute of Westminster, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].¹

Fos. cxxvii-
cxxviii.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of an extension of time having been allowed in respect of a general pardon² formerly granted by the King. Witness the King at Westminster, 18 June, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

Fo. cxxviii b.

*Br'e de per-
donac'
general'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for the due observance of the following article of a statute enacted anno 2 Henry IV. forbidding lords to give any livery of sign of company (*de liberal' signorum societatis*) to knights, esquires, and others.³ Witness the King at Westminster, 5 Nov., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

*Proclamac'
quod nullus
utatur liberal'
d'nor'.*

The article mentioned in the above writ.

*Ordinacio
facta sup'
p'clamac'oem
predictam.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation forbidding all intercourse with, or help to be given to, John Oldecastell, Knt., who had been committed to the Tower as a heretic, but who

Fo. cxxix.

*Br'e ne quis
receptet
manuteneat
seu consortet
Joh'em Old-
castell
chivaler.*

¹ 'Statutes at Large,' i. 487-90.

² On the 9th April the King had issued his writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of a general pardon to be granted to those petitioning for

the same before a certain day. See Rymer, 'Foedera,' ix. 3.

³ Stat. 2 Hen. IV. cap. xxi. ;

'Statutes at Large,' i. 451-2.

had broken prison.¹ Witness the King at Westminster, 28 Oct., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

*Commissio
d'ni Regis pro
delibac' ad
Gaolam de
Neugate
faciend'.*

Letters patent appointing William Croumere, the Mayor, William Hankeford, Richard Nortone, William Lasynby, Hugh Huls, Robert Tirwhit, John Cokayn, John Colpepir, and John Prestone, or any nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, or two (the Mayor being one), to be Commissioners for gaol-delivery of Neugate. Witness the King at Westminster, 7 Nov., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

*Exoneracio
Lxl Alano
filio Joh'is
Parles nup'
civis et
merc' Lond'
pertinen'.*

13 Nov., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], John Rotour, "barbour," executor of John Rotour, who was one of the executors of John Parles, late mercer, delivered a sum of £40 to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, in trust for Alan, son of the said John Parles.

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday the 15th Nov., the same year, the said Chamberlain delivered the above money to the said Alan, who was now of full age.

Cornmeters of London, viz., Thomas Smyth, John Prentys, John Grene, Nicholas Broun, John Steven, William Gower.

Saltmeters, viz., William Harlyng, John Nelam, William Clyff, John Smyth, Robert Banastre, Walter Galyant.

*Exon'acio de
Cornmeters et
Saltmeters ab
assisis.*

4 June, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], the above Cornmeters and Saltmeters discharged by William Crowmer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to their being so much occupied.

Fo. cxxix b.

*Br'e de scire
fac' v' Will'
Talworth pro
annullac'oe
Prar' patenc'
si per d'un
Regem de officio
Ballive aque
Thamasie [sic]
confectarum.*

Writ to the King's Coroner in the City that he summon William Talworth to appear in Chancery in the octave of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] to show cause why certain letters that had been issued appointing him Bailiff of the water of the Thames, to the prejudice of the rights of the Mayor of the City, should

¹ He had been arrested and tried on a charge of heresy on the 23rd Sept. in the Chapter House of St. Paul's before the Primate, with the Bishops of London and Winchester as assessors, and two days later was convicted and remitted to the Tower to be burnt

in due course as a heretic unless he recanted. A respite of 40 days was afterwards granted by the King, but before that time expired he had contrived to make his escape. Walsingham, ii. 292-7; Rymer, 'Foedera,' ix. 61-6.

not be cancelled. Witness the King at Westminster, 4 Dec., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

20 Jan., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14], John Thorpe, chandler, discharged by William Crowmer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Thorpe
civis et
candellar'
London'.*

Precept to the Aldermen to hold their Wardmotes and make return of such matters as they are unable themselves to correct to the Guildhall at the General Court to be held on Monday after the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.]; and further, to set a watch at Christmas, see to the lighting of the streets, &c. Dated 17 Dec., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

*Fo. cxxx.
Consimiles
bille misse
fuerunt
cuilibet
Aldermanno.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to cause four citizens to be elected, pursuant to Statute,¹ to attend a Parliament to be held at Leicester on the 29th Jan. next. No Sheriff to be returned. Witness the King at Westminster, 1 Dec., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

*Br'e de venire
fac' quatuor
cives ad parlia-
ment' apud
Leycestre.*

Pursuant to the above writ there were elected Richard Merlawe and Robert Chichele, Aldermen; William Burton, grocer, and Alan Everard, mercer, Commoners.

Writ to the Sheriffs notifying the prorogation of Parliament from the 29th Jan. to the last day of April [A.D. 1414]. Witness the King at Westminster, 24 Dec., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413].

*Br'e de pro-
rogac' parlia-
menti predicti.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation that any one giving information which should lead to the arrest of John Oldcastell, Knight, who had been convicted of heresy, would be rewarded with 500 marks, and that any who should actually arrest him would receive 1,000 marks, whilst the citizens and burgesses of any city or borough who should take and produce him before the King should be for ever quit of taxes, tallages,

Fo. cxxx b.

*Istud br'e
proclamatum
fuit xi^{mo} die
Januarii
anno r' r'
H. v^{ti} primo.*

¹ The statute of 1406 touching Parliamentary elections (*vide supra*, p. 57n.) had been recently amended to the effect that both electors and

elected were to be actually resident within the shire or borough (Stat. 1 Henry V. cap. i.).

&c. Witness the King at Westminster, 11 Jan., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14].¹

*Istud br'e
p'clam' fuit
xii^o die
Januar' a^o 1^o
1^o Henr'
quinti primo.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation forbidding unlawful seizure of the property of those accused of heresy, as it was the King's wish that they should be punished according to the law and custom of the realm, and not otherwise. Witness the King at Westminster, 11 Jan., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14].

*Proclam' pro
custod' civi-
tatis facta
decimo die
Febr' a^o pre-
dicto.*

10 Feb., a proclamation forbidding any one to go about the City between 9 o'clock at night and 5 o'clock in the morning, under penalty of forfeiture of life and property, except those appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen to safeguard the City; and further, forbidding any one to enter the City between 8 o'clock at night and 5 o'clock in the morning, under similar penalty.

*Fo. cxxxi.
M^d de c'p' bon'
delib'at Joh'i
Proffit Can'ar'
pro pueris Joh'
Sevesterre.*

3 Feb., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14], came Richard Mordone and Henry Meleward, executors of John Sevesterre, brewer, and delivered to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, the sum of £40 and divers chattels in trust for William, son of the said John Sevesterre.

*Exon'ac'
bonor' et cat'
predicta.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 5th Feb., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14], the said Chamberlain delivered the above property to the said William, he being then of full age.

*Adnullac'
lib'tat' Will'i
Wysman quia
fraudilent'
venit in lib'-
tat'.*

1 Dec., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], William Wysman, of Waltham, co. Essex, ordered to be disfranchised, and in future to pay custom on his merchandise like other strangers, for having obtained the freedom of the City as a "Coursour" whilst using the art of a "Cotiller."²

*Exon'ac'
Simonis
Bodham civis
et vinetarii
London'.*

4 Feb., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14], Simon Bodham, vintner, discharged by William Crowmer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'ac' Henr'
Richemond
civis et shether
London'.*

4 Feb., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14], Henry Richemond, "shether," similarly discharged for like cause.

¹ A similar writ addressed to the Sheriff of Kent is printed in Rymer's 'Foedera,' ix. 89. The reason for

this writ will be found *infra*, p. 123, note 2.

² 'Memorials,' pp. 597-8.

14 Feb., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14], John Bokeler, "wex chaundeler," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'ac' Joh'is
Bokeler civis
et Wexchaun-
deler, London'.*

16 Feb., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14], the keepership of Ludgate and of the prisons there granted by William Crowmer, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knollys, John Shadworth, William Askham, Richard Merlawe, William Walderne, Nicholas Wottone, Thomas Fauconer, Stephen Speleman, William Louthe, William Nortone, Henry Haltone, John Lane, William Chichele, John Penne, Thomas Pyke, and William Sevenoke, Aldermen, and an immense Commonalty assembled for common council (*ad co'e consilium*) in the upper chamber of the Guildhall—to John St. Germain, grocer, and Keeper of the said gate and prisons, to hold the said office during good behaviour, he having gone to great expense in maintaining the gate and houses thereon. If any Sheriff thereafter should wish to discharge him, he shall reimburse the said Keeper his expenses, and shall keep the said gate, &c., in repair at his own cost.

*Fo. cxxxi b.
Custodia porte
et prison' de
Ludgate
concessa Joh'i
Seynt
German.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of a truce having been concluded with John, King of Castile and Leon, for one year. Witness the King at Westminster, 12 Feb., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14].¹

*Br'e pro treug'
proclam' xviii^o
die Februar'
a^o r' r'
predicto.*

Letters patent appointing William Crowmer, the Mayor, Richard Whityngtone, William Walderne, Robert Chichele, Richard Merlowe, Thomas Knolles, John Prestone, and the Sheriffs of the City, or any seven, six, five, four, three, or two (the Mayor or John Prestone being one), to make search for, and commit to prison, all Lollards within the City and suburbs, and to make a return of the same. Witness the King at Westminster, 11 Jan., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14].²

*Fo. cxxxii.
Com'issio ad
inquirend' de
certis prodi-
c' insurreccionib'
et rebellionib'.*

¹ Rymer's 'Fœdera,' ix. 115.

² The Lollards had formed a plan for seizing the King at Eltham, where he had been spending Christmas. This coming to the King's ears, he secretly removed to Westminster. Thereupon the conspirators had ar-

ranged to hold a meeting on Wednesday the 10th January in St. Giles's Fields, Holborn, but Henry anticipated them, and many were arrested and either hanged or burnt, but Oldcastle himself for a time escaped. Walsingham, ii. 297-8; 'Chron.' of

*Proclam' facta
decimo septimo
die Febr' a^o
primo predicto.*

Proclamation forbidding the sale of fish or raw meat (*char crewe*) by retail elsewhere than at the places of old appointed, viz., Briggestrete, Oldefisshstret, "lestokkes," the Bocherye in Estchepe and the Bocherye in St. Nicholas "Flesshammes," except Thames and freshwater fish, herrings fresh and salted, and poultry. [No date.]

*Exon'ac'
Willi Pycard
civis et Grocer'
London'.*

27 Feb., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14], William, son of Geoffrey Picard, of co. Norfolk, grocer, discharged from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Vicesimo
quarto die
Marc' a^o r' r'
Henr' quinti
post conquestum
secundo.*

Drew Barantyn elected Alderman of Bishopsgate Ward.

William Sevenok elected Alderman of Tower.

Stephen Speleman elected Alderman of Aldersgate.

Fo. cxxxii b.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Clerk.*

2 March, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14], John Clerk, of co. Lincoln; tailor, discharged by William Crowmer, the Mayor, and Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Consimiles
bille misse
fuerunt
cuilibet Aldr'o.*

Precept to the Aldermen to cause to be levied in their several Wards a sum equal to half a fifteenth, and to bring the money to the Guildhall by the 20th April. Dated 4 April, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414].

*Proclam' facta
vicesimo die
Aprilis a^o r' r'
H. quinti
sc'do.*

Proclamation forbidding the practice of "hokkyng" on Monday and Tuesday next, called "Hokkedayes," on pain of imprisonment. [No date.]

*Custod' Petri
et Joh'e
pueror' Mathei
Spicer al' dict'
Tyce nup'
civis et gold-
beter London'.*

20 April, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], the guardianship of Peter and Johanna, children of Matthew Spicer, otherwise called "Tyce,"¹ "goldbeter," together with the sum of £80 and divers household goods, committed by William Crowmer, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to John Spicer, son

London' (ed. Sir H. Nicolas), p. 97; Kingsford's 'Chronicles of London,' p. 69. According to Gregory ('Chron.,' p. 108) the King awaited the rebels "be syde Syn Jonys in Clerkynwelle." The date of the meeting in St. Giles's Fields is speci-

fied *infra* (fo. clxxxii b), as *Wednesday after the Epiphany*.

¹ His will, dated 1 Oct., 1413, was proved and enrolled in the Husting on the following 6th Nov. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 400. Also cf. *infra*, fo. ccli b.

of the said Matthew. Sureties, viz., John atte le [*sic*] Chandeler, William Westone, draper, and Bartholomew Seman, goldsmith.

24 April, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], came the executors of William Staundone, grocer, and delivered to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, the sum of £200 bequeathed by the said William to Elizabeth his daughter, in trust for the said daughter.

*M^l de Lec
delib^{at} Johⁱ
Proffit
Cam^{ar} ad
op^l Elizab^t
filie Willⁱ
Staundon^r
custodiend^r.*

4 May, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], proclamation made forbidding the playing of hand-ball or football, "coytes," "dyces," stone-throwing (*gettre de pier*), "kailes,"¹ and other such fruitless games, and ordering the practice of the bow, on pain of six days' imprisonment as of old ordained.

*Fo. cxxxiii.
Proclam^r facta
quarto die
Maii anno
secundo pre-
dicto.*

15 May, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], proclamation made forbidding riots and conventicles and the carrying arms contrary to the Statute of Northampton and other statutes.

*Item alia
proclamacio
facta xv^o die
Maii tunc
prox^r.*

14 June, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], the guardianship of Henry, son of Henry Hecchendene, saddler, together with the sum of 100 marks given to him by Alice, late wife of the orphan's father, William Tristour and Richard Osbarn, executors of the same, committed by William Crowmer, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to the said William Tristour, saddler. Sureties, viz., Henry Pountfreyt and William Maloney, saddlers.

*Custod^r Henr^r
fil^r Henr^r
Hecchendene
nup^r civis et
sellar^r
London^r.*

Proclamation prescribing the price per gallon of Malvezye, Romenye, Bastard, and other sweet wines; also of wine of Gascony or Rochel, red ("Vermaille") or white, and "Oseye," under penalty of forfeiture of both wine and vessels.

*Proclamac^r de
vinis ad cert^r
prec^r ven-
dendis.*

Proclamation forbidding any vintner, taverner, brewer, hosteler, cook, or "pybaker" to keep his house open after 10 o'clock on the eves of St. John Bapt. [24 June] and SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], or to sell any victual or drink before 6 o'clock the next morning, under penalty of imprisonment and fine.

Fo. cxxxiii b.

*Proclamac^r
victual^r non
vendend^r in
vigil^r sanctor^r
Johⁱs Petri et
Pauli ad sero.*

7 March, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14], inquisition taken before William Crowmere and the Aldermen as to the metes and bounds within which fish was of old accustomed to be sold in

*Inquisicio
capt^r pro
bundis et
limit^r vici
de Oldefissh-
stret.*

¹ Skittles, Fr. *quilles*.

Oldefisshstret, by oath of William Coggesale, Robert Gray, Philip Philip [*sic*], Richard Trogonold, William Rede, Richard Ergastone, Robert Dentone, Thomas Blakenale, Thomas Bernewelle, John Leget, Robert Nyppe, and Richard Pountfreyt.¹

*Inquisic' capt'
pro bund' et
limit' vici de
Estchepe
London'.*

14 March, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14], inquisition similarly taken as to the metes and bounds within which flesh was of old accustomed to be sold in Estchepe, by oath of John Flawner, Thomas Brook, Edward Bolfynch, Thomas Savage, Richard Bolton, Nicholas Hoke, Robert Man, William Knyght, William at Mere, John Caustone, and John Maldone.²

Fo. cxxxiv.

*Exon' ac'
Rob't' Leghe
Will'i Symmes
Will' Pikard
et Joh' Sud-
bury etc.*

9 June, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], came Robert Leghe, William Pycard, William Symmes, and John Sudbury, grocers, and delivered to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, the sum of £207 12s. 3½d., due to William, son of John Drew, late grocer, an orphan, by bequest of his said father and also by the decease of Johanna and Albreda his sisters, to hold in trust for the said orphan.

*Custodia
Will'i Drew
filii Joh'is
Drew civis et
Groceri
London'.*

12 June, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], the guardianship of the above orphan and of his property committed by William Crowmer, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to Thomas Knolles, junior, grocer. Sureties, viz., Thomas Knolles, senior, and Robert Chichely, grocers.

*Patens d'ni
Reg' concess'
Lodowico
Joh'n pro off'o
escambii.*

Letters patent granting to Lodowic Johan the exclusive privilege of issuing letters of exchange to those visiting foreign parts for a term of three years on payment of a yearly sum of 200 marks into the Exchequer. Witness the King at Leycestre, 26 May, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414].³

Fo. cxxxiv b.

*Custodia
pueror' Joh'is
Stapleford
nup' civis et
Grocer' Lon-
don'.*

17 July, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], the guardianship of John, Nicholas, Richard, and Elizabeth, children of John Stapleford, grocer, together with the sum of £350 due to the said orphans, committed by William Crowmer, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to William Cauntbrigge, ironmonger, and Anne⁴ his wife, mother of the said orphans. Surety, viz., William Sevenoke, grocer.

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 598.

² *Id.*, p. 599.

³ Cf. *supra*, p. 114.

⁴ In the abstract of John Stapleford's will, enrolled in the Husting in the previous June ('Cal. of Wills,'

11 Aug., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], John Mogon', junior, *Exon'ac' Joh'is Mogon' jun' civis et pulle- tar' London.* "pulter," discharged by William Crowmer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

16 Aug., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], William Norton, draper, and Alice his wife, late wife of Peter de Wottone, draper, discharged of a sum of £11 bequeathed by the said Peter to Thomas his son. *Exon'ac' custod' bon' Thom' fil' Petri Wottone pannar'.*

29 April, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], came John Spicer, otherwise called "Tyce," son of Matthew Tyce, late goldbeater (*aurimalliator*), guardian of the orphan children of the said Matthew, and delivered to Peter Tyce, his brother, one of the said orphans, now of full age, the sum of £40 and divers household goods, and is quit. *Exon'acio custod' £xluna cum al' bon' Petro filio Mathei Tice p'tin' etc.*

Friday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], in the presence of William Crowmere, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knolles, Richard Merlawe, Thomas Fauconer, Stephen Speleman, Henry Bartone, Nicholas Wottone, William Louthe, William Nortone, Henry Haltone, John Penne, John Lane, Walter Cottone, William Sevenok, and Ralph Lobenham, Aldermen, and very many Commoners summoned for the election of Sheriffs, John Michell, Alderman and grocer, was elected one of the Sheriffs by the Mayor, and Thomas Aleyn, Commoner and mercer, was elected the other Sheriff by the Commonalty. *Fo. cxxxv. Eleccio vice-comitum civitatis London'.*

Afterwards, viz., on Friday the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], the said Sheriffs were sworn at the Guildhall, and on the following Monday were presented and accepted before the Barons of the Exchequer.

On the same Friday, the Feast of St. Matthew, the aforesaid Stephen Speleman and William Sevenok, Aldermen, John

ii. 405), his wife's name has been incorrectly given as "Amia" instead of "Anna." She appears to have lost no time in finding a second husband! It is remarkable that

Elizabeth is recorded here as being only 15 weeks old, although a daughter of John Stapleford bearing the same name is mentioned in his will dated January, 1410-11.

Reynwelle, Robert Fitz Robert, Robert Tatersalle, and William Fitz Hugh, Commoners, were elected Auditors of the accounts of the Chamberlain and Wardens of the Bridge.

*Presentacio
Joh'is Worthin
capell'i ad
cantar' in eccl'ia
Sc'i Both'i ex^a
Algate.*

Letter under the Mayoralty seal from William Crowmer, the Mayor, to Sir William [Harewdone or Haryndone], the Prior of Holy Trinity, London, and Rector of the parish church of St. Botolph without Aldgate, presenting John Worthyn, chaplain, for admission to the chantry in the said parish church for the souls of John Romeney, late potter, Agnes his wife, &c. Dated 2 Sept., A.D. 1414.

*Custodia
Thome Joh'is
et Will'i
pueror' Will'i
Braybrok.*

4 Oct., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], the guardianship of Thomas, John, and William, children of William Braybrook, fishmonger (the said Thomas being apprentice to Thomas Dufhous), together with their patrimony and divers chattels, comprising a "ketilhat"¹ and other pieces of body-armour, girdles, mazer cups, beds, &c., committed by William Crowmer, the Mayor, and John Profyt, the Chamberlain, to Richard Banastre, fishmonger, and Katherine his wife, widow of William Braybrook. Sureties, viz., John Perneys, stockfishmonger, William Flete, fishmonger, and Alexander Farnell, tailor.

Fo. cxxxv b.
*Exon'acio
Joh'is Wolfale
civis et cissoris
London'.*

15 Oct., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], John Wolfale, tailor, discharged by William Crowmer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Br'e ad
amovend' les
hautpases apud
Sc'm Marti-
num magn'
London'.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to remove two halpases over the highway in "Seint Martynslane," near the King's free chapel of St. Martin le Grand, inasmuch as they were frequented by felons who used them for the purpose of taking sanctuary. Witness the King at Westminster, 28 July, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414].²

*Execucio
ejusdem
brevis.
Judic' pillor'
Joh' Berford
pro falsit' et
decept' suis.*

Pursuant to the above writ the halpases were removed on the 7th Aug.

Monday the morrow of St. Magdalen [22 July], John Berford, of Salop, "soudyour," charged before the Mayor and Aldermen with having fraudulently obtained furs from a

¹ See 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust.,' ii. 298n.

² 'Memorials,' p. 600.

certain skinner, by representing that a box, offered as a pledge, contained valuables. He pleads guilty, and is adjudged to stand on the pillory.¹

16 Oct., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], John Herward, of Rouchestre, condemned to stand in the pillory for counterfeiting gold and silver bands for mazers, the said bands to be hung around his neck.²

*Judici' pillor'
pro fals' cuppe-
bond' contro-
fact'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on Monday after the octave of St. Martin [11 Nov.].³ Witness the King at Westminster, 26 Sept., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414].

FO. cxxxvi.

*Br'e de venire
fac' civis ad
parliamentum.*

Pursuant to the above writ there were elected William Walderne and Nicholas Wotton, Aldermen, William Olyver, grocer, and John Gedeney, draper, Commoners.

*No'ia civium
elect' eund'
ad parliamen-
tum.*

18 July, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], came William Cauntbrigge, "irmonger," and acknowledged himself bound to William Sevenok, grocer, in the sum of £350, to be paid on the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] next.

*Recogn' Will'i
Cauntbrigge
fact' Will'o
Sevenoke.*

The above recognizance to be void if the said William Cauntbrigge and Anne his wife, late wife of John Stapleford, grocer, execute properly their duties as guardians of John, Nicholas, Richard, and Elizabeth, children of the said John Stapleford.⁴

*Condic' ejus-
dem recogn'.*

Letter under the Mayoralty seal from William Crowmer, the Mayor, and John Prestone, the Recorder, to Richard [Clifford], Bishop of London, presenting John Aprees, chaplain, for admission to the chantry of Roger Depham, late Alderman, in the church of St. Swithin,⁵ vacant by the resignation of John Haderham, *alias* Ramsey. Dated 23 Aug., A.D. 1414.

*Presentacio
d'ni Joh'is
Aprees ad
cantar' in
ecc'l'ia Sc'i
Swithini.*

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 509.

² *Id.*, p. 601.

³ The clause touching Sheriffs not to be returned omitted from the writ. (Cf. *supra*, p. 109, note.) The Parliament met on the 19th Nov. 'Rot. Parl.,' iv. 34.

⁴ Cf. *supra*, p. 126.

⁵ Roger Depham, by his will, dated 10 Jan., 1358-9, and proved and en-

rolled in the Husting in the following February, left 10s. to the Mayor for the time being, and half a mark yearly to the Recorder for superintending and maintaining his chantry in the above church. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 7. Depham himself was sometime Recorder of the City. 'Cal. Letter-Book F,' *passim*.

Fo. cxxxvi b. 22 Oct., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], John "Mascale," girdler, discharged by William Crowmer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Exon'ac'
Joh'is "Mas-
kalle" civis et
zonar'
London'.

Exon'ac' Petri 25 Oct., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], Peter Hundene, tailor, similarly discharged for like cause.
Hundene civis
et cissor'
London'.

Excusac' Saturday the Feast of Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.],
Joh'is Proffyt 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, prays
Cam'ar' ab to be discharged from office owing to infirmity. Whereupon
al' officiis in- the Mayor and Aldermen beg him to continue in office for
posterum another year, as it was difficult to fill his place; at the same
admittend'. time they and those present for the election of a Mayor discharge him from serving any other City office such as his enemies had been endeavouring to force upon him, against his will.

Fos. cxxxvii- Statute of Leicester, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414].¹
cxl b.

[Fos. cxli-cxlii *blank.*]

Fo. cxliii. Saturday the Feast of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], after Mass celebrated in the Guildhall Chapel, in the presence of William Crowmer, the Mayor, John de Prestone, the Recorder, Sir William Haryndone, Prior of the church of Holy Trinity, Richard Whitingtone, Thomas Knolles, Richard Merlawe, Robert Chichele, William Walderne, Thomas Fauconer, Nicholas Wottone, Henry Bartone, Stephen Speleman, William Nortone, William Louthe, Henry Haltone, John Lane, William Chichele, John Penne, Thomas Pyke, William Sevenok, and Ralph Lobenham, Aldermen, John Michell and Thomas Aleyn, the Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty summoned for the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing, Thomas Fauconer was elected.

Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], the said Thomas was sworn according to custom,

¹ 'Statutes at Large,' i. 490-502. It was this statute that placed the initiative of proceeding against the Lords in the hands of the secular power, as mentioned *supra*, p. 116n.

and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer.

7 Nov., proclamation made forbidding servants, hostellers, and others to cast rubbish and dirt into the streets or the Thames. An informer to receive 2s. 4d. for giving information in each case, and 12 pence out of every fine of 4s. imposed upon such as break the ordinance. Also forbidding any one to act as broker until he has been approved and admitted to office by the Mayor and Aldermen, under penalty of £10 to be paid to the Chamber.

*Proclamac'
facta viii^{mo} die
Nov^r pro
honestat^r et
mundic^r civi-
tatis.*

Correctiers.

Precept to the Aldermen to elect a "Rakyer" in their several Wards to keep the streets clean, and instruct the Constables and Beadles to warn inhabitants not to throw water out of windows, &c. Dated ... Nov., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414].

*Consimiles
bille misse
fuer^r cuilibet
Aldr^o.*

12 Nov., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], Thomas atte Stone, tailor, discharged by Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. cxliii b.
*Exoneracio
Thome atte
Stone civis et
cissor^r Lond^r.*

Letter from the King to the Mayor and Aldermen announcing his arrival before the town of Harefleu on Saturday, the 17th August; the conditional surrender of the town on Wednesday, the 18th September, and its final surrender on the following Sunday. Dated at Harefleu, 22 Sept. [A.D. 1415].¹

*L'radⁿi Regis
Maïori et
Aldr^ris miss^r.*

Precept to the Aldermen to hold their Wardmotes in their several Wards according to custom, and to make return of the names of defaulters in order that a fine of 4 pence may be levied on them for the work of the Guildhall; also to see that steps be taken for the proper lighting of the streets at Christmas; that a "Rakier" be elected for keeping the streets clean, and Alekonners for the assay of ale brewed in their Wards, &c. Dated 12 Dec., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414].

Fo. cxliv.

*Consimiles
bille misse
fuer^r cuilibet
Aldr^o.*

Letters patent appointing Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, William Hankeford, Richard Nortone, William Lasyngeby, Hugh Huls, Robert Hulle, Robert Tirwhit, John Cokayn, and John Prestone, or any eight, seven, six, five, four, three, or two

*Commissio pro
delib^rac^r gaole
de Newgate.*

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 619. The letter is set out by Jules Delpit ('Documents

Français,' p. 217), but he incorrectly dates the letter as the 12th Sept.

(the Mayor being one), to be justices for gaol-delivery of Newgate. Witness the King at Westminster, 27 Nov., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414].

Fo. cxliv b.

*Br'e collect'
direct' pro
decima
levanda.*

Letters patent appointing Stephen Speleman, Alderman, Thomas Pyke, Alderman, Robert Tatersall, draper, and William Bysmer, goldsmith, to be Commissioners for levying in the City the subsidy granted by the last Parliament.¹ Witness the King at Westminster, 22 Dec., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414].

*Consimiles
bille misse fuer'
cuilib't Alder-
manno.*

Precept to the Aldermen to elect good men in their several Wards to assess a sum equal to a fifteenth and levy the same on all inhabitants, both cleric and lay.² The money to be brought into the Guildhall on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.] next ensuing. Dated 8 Jan., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414-15].

Fo. cxlv.

*Br'e de
generali per-
donacione con-
cessa et pro-
clamat.'*

Writ to the Sheriffs to proclaim a general pardon granted by the King to all rebels, felons, &c., who severally sue for charters of pardon before Michaelmas Day next. Witness the King at Westminster, 9 Dec., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414].

Fo. cxlv b.

*Judicium
Thome May-
nelle pro
verbis oppro-
briosis dict'
Will'o
Sevenok.*

21 March, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1414-15], Thomas Mayneld, or Maynelle, grocer, living in Tower Ward, charged before the Mayor and Aldermen with insolently threatening William Sevenok, Alderman of Tower Ward, with Brembre's fate, if he did not conduct himself well and honestly. He confesses his guilt, and is committed to Newgate for a year and a day, but, at the earnest request of William Sevenok, the punishment is commuted for a bond for good behaviour in the sum of £200. Sureties, viz., John Wyldene, merchant, John Wokkyng, tailor, Thomas Bosse, grocer, and Richard Stowell, "wodemonger."³

Fo. cxlvi.

*L'ra missa
pro sermone
in Septimana
pasche.*

Letter under the Mayoralty seal to Richard Alkirtone, Canon of Chichester, asking him to preach a sermon on Easter Monday, and expressing a hope that his language may be temperate.⁴ Dated 27 Feb., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414-15].

¹ The Parliament which commenced to sit at Westminster on the 19th Nov. had granted two tenths and two fifteenths for the defence of the realm. 'Rot. Parl.,' iv. 35.

² The precept is in similar form to that recorded *supra*, p. 117.

³ 'Memorials,' pp. 605-6.

⁴ The suggestion is thus quaintly put: "Quia sapientie vestre pauca

6 March, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414-15], the guardianship of William, son of Philip Bangor,¹ late draper, together with his patrimony, committed by Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to John Bokenham, draper, who married Margery, the orphan's mother. Sureties, viz., Walter Chartesey, Robert Bamborough, John Beterinden, draper, and John Cloos.

*Custodia
Will'i filii
Ph'i Bangor
nup' civis et
pannar'.*

8 March, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414-15], came John Talbot, Robert Hillory, Thomas Greyve, and Augustine Dunton, of the vill of Hadle, co. Suffolk, before Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, in the Chamber of the Guildhall, and claimed on behalf of themselves and other tenants of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the same vill to be quit of all toll, &c., to the City by virtue of royal charters granted to the Archbishops and Church of Canterbury.² Their claim allowed.

Fo. cxlvib.

*Exon'c' theolo-
lon' et aliar'
exacc' fact'
tenent' resi-
dent' et aliis
resident' in
villa de
Hadlee.*

6 March, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414-15], John Lyberd, of co. Surrey, brewer, discharged by Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exoneracio
Joh'nis Liberd
civiset Bracia-
tor' London'.*

13 March, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414-15], the guardianship of Robert, Elena, and Emma, children of Alan Coterell, late "letherdyer," together with their property, committed by Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to William Young, haberdasher, who married Johanna, the mother of the said orphans. Sureties, viz., John Amour, mercer, and John Walker, "steynour."

*Custodia
pueror' Alani
Coterell civis
et lethirdier.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to the effect that whereas John Oldecastell, of Coulyng, co. Kent, knight, had not availed himself of the King's offer of pardon already promulgated,³ they were now to make proclamation that unless he came and made

Fo. cxlvii.

*Br'e perdonac'
Joh'is Oldecas-
tell Chivaler.*

sufficiunt et nimium proluxcius in-
formare non oportet Rex universe
potestatis et supercelestis scriba lin-
guam vestram ut calamum obtemperet
et sermonem compositum tribuat ori
vestro." Possibly the civic autho-
rities were afraid lest the preacher
should press too heavily on the Lol-

lards, who for the most part found
favour in the City.

¹ His will (dated 3 Jan., 1409-10)
proved and enrolled in the Husting in
the following November. 'Cal. of
Wills,' ii. 387.

² Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book II,' p. 289.

³ See p. 132.

submission by the quinzaine of Easter next the pardon would be void. Witness the King at Westminster, 18 Feb., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414-15].

*Br'e proclam'
q'd omnes de
retinenc' d'ni
Regis appro-
pinqnent.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all knights, esquires, valets, and others in the pay of Edward III., Richard II., Edward, late Prince of Wales, John, Duke of Lancaster, the King's grandfather, or the King's late father, to hasten to London by the octave of Easter next to receive and execute the King's orders. Witness the King at Westminster, 22 March, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1414-15].

*Aliud br'e de
prorogand'
diem in br'i
supradicto
contentum.*

Another writ to the same for proclamation to be made changing the day named in the above writ to the morrow of St. George's Day [23 April]. Witness the King at Westminster, 22 March, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1414-15].

Fo. cxlvii b.

*Proclam' facta
xiii die Marc'
a'o r' r' H.
quinti sc'do.*

Proclamation to be made to the effect that (1) no Sheriff's officer or other person take any toll or custom except those set up (*en les tables assis*) at Byllingesgate and Quenhithe; (2) that no officer connected with the water of the Thames take any custom for executing his office other than that ordained by the King's advice; (3) that no such officer keep a hostel.

*Proclam' facta
die Jovis xxi
die marc' a'o
r' r' H. quinti
tercio.*

Proclamation to be made for every man or woman having apprentices that have not been enrolled during their first year, according to the ordinance,¹ to cause the same to be enrolled within twenty days of Easter next [31 March], without paying any fine for their negligence, under penalty of losing their apprentices.

*Proclam' facta
xv die Junii
anno r' r'
Henr' quinti
iii'o.*

Proclamation to be made for regulating the conduct of vintners, taverners, brewers, hostellers, hucksters, cooks, and pie-bakers.

17 Feb., 7 Henry VI. [A.D. 1428-9], came Robert Coterell, then of full age, and received from John Bederenden, the

¹ In 1300 an ordinance was passed for the names of apprentices not "entered on the paper" within their first year to be published at the next Husting, so that two Aldermen might be associated with the Chamberlain

in receiving the fines imposed at their discretion. 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 78; 'Liber Cust.,' i. 93-4. Cf. Ordinance of 1393, 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 391.

Chamberlain, a sum of money which John Amour, mercer, one of the sureties of William Yonge, brought into Court.

26 April, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], John Flemyng, of Bixle, co. Kent, "horner," discharged by Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Flem-
yng nup' civis
et horner
London'.*

Statute passed by the Parliament held at Westminster on Monday after the octave of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414].¹

Fos. cxlviii-
cxlix.

Precept to the Aldermen for an armed watch to be kept by night up to the Feast of St. Michael and also on the nights and eves of the Feasts of St. John Bapt. [24 June] and SS. Peter and Paul [29 June]; also for taking the usual precautions against fire. Dated 7 May, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415].

Fo. cxlix.

6 May, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], Simon Rolf and Richard Wellys, barbers, appointed and sworn by the Mayor and Aldermen to be Surveyors of those exercising the faculty of surgery in the City.

Fo. cxlix b.
*Ordinacio
facta sup'
scrutinio
barbitonsorum.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 4th July, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], ordinance made forbidding barbers practising the faculty of surgery in the City to tend serious cases of illness without showing the patients to the Surveyors appointed for the purpose, under penalty of a fine.²

10 March, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414-15], Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen summoned to the Tower, when the King informed them of his intention to cross the sea to reconquer the possessions of the Crown, and of his need of money. Whereupon, on the 14th March, there came to the Guildhall the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Winchester, the Dukes of Bedford and Gloucester, the King's brothers, and the Duke of York, to consider the matter; and the question arising as to the order of precedence in their sitting, the Lords agreed that the Mayor, as the King's representative in the City, should sit in the middle, with the Archbishop and Bishop on his right hand and the Dukes on his left.³

Fo. cl.
*Maior opti-
nuit medium
locum sessionis
non obstante
q'd duo f'res
Reg' ib'm
sedebant apud
Guyhald'.*

¹ 'Statutes at Large' (ed. 1758),
i. 502-4.

² 'Memorials,' pp. 606-9.

³ *Id.*, pp. 603-5.

Exon'acio
£iiii iijs. vd.
Emme filie
Alani Coterell
p'tin' etc.

1 March, 7 Henry VI. [A.D. 1428-9], came William Stout, who married Emma, daughter of Alan Coterell, late "letherdier," before Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and received his wife's patrimony from John Bederendene, the Chamberlain.

Exon'acio v
marc' et xs.
Elene filie
Alani Coterell
p'tin' etc.

17 Jan., 8 Henry VI. [A.D. 1429-30], came John Mortemer, who married Elena, daughter of the above Alan Coterell, before William Estfeld, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and likewise received his wife's patrimony.

Fo. clb.
Carta perdon-
aco'is Thome
Fauconer et
co'itat' civital'.

Letters patent granting a general pardon to the Mayor and Commonalty for offences committed before the 8th December last, with the exception of any murders for which they may stand indicted since the 19th November¹ last. Witness the King at Westminster, 1 May, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415].

Fo. cli.
Ordinacio q'd
valetti cissor'
non utantur
liberata seu
fraternitate
inter se.

19 April, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], complaint made before Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen that servants and journeymen (*allocati*) of Tailors of the City, called "yomen taillours,"² consorted together in dwelling-houses and behaved in an unruly manner, having assaulted (among others) Thomas Tropenell, one of the Masters of the mistery. Thereupon the Mayor and Aldermen summoned Thomas Whityngham, the then Master, and the Wardens of the said mistery to appear before them on the 25th April to answer for their want of control over their servants and journeymen. The said Master and Wardens duly appeared, and expressed both their regret at the state of affairs and their inability to put a stop to it. They pray the Mayor and Aldermen to summon before them David Brekenhok, John Stanbury, and others [not named] who were then dwelling together in a certain house in Garlykhythe. They were accordingly summoned by Otho Bris, one of the Mayor's Serjeants, and appeared before the Mayor and Aldermen on the 29th April, when they were ordered to quit the said house or again appear on the 2nd May to receive

¹ The day when the last Parliament met.

² John Creek, a tailor, left by will, dated 12th Feb., 1414, a sum of

20s. towards the maintenance of the alms of the "Fraternity" of the valet-tailors. 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust.,' ii. 403.

sentence. On that day they again appeared, when the Mayor and Aldermen¹ ordained that henceforth the servants of the said mistery should be under the rule and governance of the Masters and Wardens, like servants of other misteries, and that they should cease to use a livery or clothing at their unlawful assemblies, and further, they were to cease to live together on pain of imprisonment and fine.¹

15 July, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], came John Shadworth, Thomas Aleyn, and Peter Givayn, executors of John Wodecok,² mercer, and delivered to John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, a sum of money to the use of Johanna, daughter of the said John Wodecok.

Fo. cli b.

2 July, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], ordinances by the Common Council to the effect (1) that the little postern built of old in the City Wall and leading to the Moor should be pulled down, and a new and larger one built to the westward of it, *with a gate* to be shut at night and other fitting times ;³ (2) that the Moor be laid out for garden purposes ; (3) that a common latrine outside the City Wall be removed, and a new one built within the wall upon the foss of the Walbrook, where a "scluys" or "speye" was to be constructed for the purpose of carrying off the filth ;⁴ (4) that those living on the margin of the Walbrook near

Fos. clii-clii b.

*Ordinacio de
la More et de
fimis evacu-
and'.*

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 609-12.

² His will, dated 29 Nov., 1408, was proved and enrolled in the Husting in Feb., 1413. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 397-9.

³ The editor of the 'Memorials' (where the record is set out, pp. 614-616) identifies this postern with "Aldermanbury Postern" in Cripple-gate Ward, whereas it clearly refers to the postern of Moorgate, in the neighbourhood of the Walbrook. It is to this ordinance that Stow doubtless refers when he writes: "Touching the next postern, called Moregate, I find that Thomas Falconer, Mayor, about the year 1415, the third of Henry V., caused the wall of the

City to be broken near unto Coleman Streete, and there built a postern, now called Moregate, upon the moor side, where was never gate before" ('Survey,' ed. Thoms, p. 13). The little old postern apparently had no gate! The new postern was erected to the westward of it (*occidentali parte*), and not to the south, as related in the 'Memorials.' Cf. Nicolas, 'Chron.,' p. 99.

⁴ It is noteworthy that at the famous *Iter* held at the Tower in 1321 the Prior of Holy Trinity undertook to repair a bridge over Walbrook near the Moor and near the church of All Hallows, London Wall. 'Liber Cust.,' i. 409.

the Thames cause the banks of the same to be piled or walled ; (5) that another latrine situate in the City Wall between the Church of All Hallows and Bishopsgate be abolished ; and lastly, (6) that the course of a certain gutter called "Swolne," near St. Magnus Church, which had been diverted, by way of experiment, by Thomas Falconer, the Mayor, so as to discharge itself into the Thames at Ebgate, *alias* Oystergate, should continue so to discharge itself.

Fo. ciii. 13 May, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], ordinance by Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to the effect that whereas the custom of rulers and officers of the City receiving either a hood or clothing every year from the different crafts of the City had given offence, no Mayor, Alderman, Sheriff, or other officer or servant of the City shall henceforth take any livery or clothing from any craft or fraternity, save only the particular craft of which he has been made free, under penalty of a fine.¹

*Br'e pro
conservacione
pacis in Lon-
don'.* Writ to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen for all notable persons necessary for the good government of the City to return to, and remain within the City during the King's absence abroad. Dated at Westminster, 20 June, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415].²

Fo. cliii b. Precept under the Mayoralty seal to each Alderman enjoining him to take steps for the preservation of peace in his Ward during the King's absence abroad. Dated 24 July, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415].

Similar precepts (*mutatis mutandis*) were sent to the Masters of sixteen principal misteries.

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 612.

² This writ is recorded on fo. clii as having been read before the Common Council of the 2nd July following, when a resolution was passed to carry the same into effect. Two days before the issue of this writ (18 June) Henry is recorded as having ridden through the City on his way to

Southampton (Nicolas, 'Chron.,' pp. 99-100; Kingsford's 'Chronicles,' p. 70). On the other hand, Gregory ('Chron.,' pp. 108-9) records the King's visit to the City as having taken place on the 15th June, when the Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen, and Commons accompanied him as far as Blackheath, where they took leave.

Writ to all Sheriffs, &c., notifying that tenants of the vill of Northmymmes,¹ which is of the honour of Gloucester, as is said, are quit of toll throughout the realm. Witness the King at Westminster, 4 Nov., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

*Br'e q'd
tenentes de
North Mym-
mes sint quieti
de custum'.*

5 Aug., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], Edmund Grymstone, vintner, discharged by Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to bodily infirmity, and more particularly deafness.

*Exon'acio
Edmundi
Grymstone
civis et vine-
tar' London'.*

Judgment by Henry [Chichele], Archbishop of Canterbury, proclaiming John Cleydone to be a lapsed heretic and handing him over to the secular power.² [No date.]

*Fo. cliv.
Judicium
Joh'is Cley-
done heretici.*

21 Aug., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], ordinance by Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen forbidding brewers who rent the fountains and the great upper pipe of the Great Conduit in Chepe thenceforth to draw water from the small pipes below the said Conduit under penalty of paying 6s. 8d. to the Chamber on each conviction.³

*Ordinacio con-
ductus.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on Monday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.]. No Sheriff to be returned. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, at Westminster, 12 Aug., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415].⁴

*Br'e pro
parlamento.*

On a certain day [not recorded], 3 Henry V., came Alice, late wife of John Randolf, late "tymbermonger," and William Bradwey, carpenter, executors of the said John Randolf, who was executor of Thomas Oxenford, of whose son John Oxenford

Fo. cliv b.

¹ North Mimms, co. Herts.

² This handing over of a lapsed heretic by an ecclesiastical court to the secular power was pursuant to the Statute of Leicester, 2 Henry V., cap. vii. (*vide sup.*, p. 130, note). John Cleydone, a currier by trade, was tried before the Archbishop and others in St. Paul's on the 17th Aug., 1415, Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, giving evidence against him, and declaring that the books found in Cleydone's possession were "the worst

and the most perverse that ever he did read or see." Both he and his books were burnt. (Foxe, 'Acts and Monuments,' iii. 531-4.)

³ 'Memorials,' p. 617.

⁴ The return to the writ is not recorded. The King had set sail the previous day, leaving the Duke of Bedford Warden of the realm during his absence. Parliament did not actually sit until the 4th Nov. 'Rot. Parl.,' iv. 62.

the said John Randolf had been appointed guardian by Drew Barantyn, late Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, and rendered account of the property of the said orphan, who had died during his apprenticeship, before William Sevenoke and Nicholas Aghton, Aldermen, John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, and John Westone, the Common Pleader, as Auditors.

*Custodia
Agnētis filie
Will'i Box-
sone nup' civis
et peautrer
London'.*

6 Sept., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], came Richard Grove, armourer, Thomas Clerk, "taillour," and John Chadde, "cotiller," executors of William Boxsone, late "peautrer," and paid into court before the Mayor and Aldermen the sum of 50 marks to the use of Agnes, daughter of the said William Boxsone.

12 Sept., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], the guardianship of the above Agnes committed by Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to Robert Trenerth, mercer, and Petronilla his wife, widow of the above William Boxsone, the orphan's mother. Sureties, viz., Thomas Whitingham and Thomas Suttone, tailors, John Trethewy, skinner, and Roger Wryngesworth, mercer.

Fo. clv.

*L'ra missa
d'no Reg' per
Maiozem et
Aldr'os.*

Letter [from the Mayor and Aldermen] to the King thanking him for his letter of the 31st July informing them of the discovery of a treacherous plot against him,¹ and assuring him that the City would be safeguarded on his behalf. Dated 2 Aug. [A.D. 1415].

*Alia l'ra
directa d'no
Regi per
Maiozem et
Aldr'os etc.*

Letter from the Mayor and Aldermen to the King touching the proceedings that had been taken against John Cleydone, who had been condemned by the Ecclesiastical Court as a

¹ Whilst the King was at Southampton news was brought to him of a design to carry off the young Earl of March, as soon as Henry should have set sail, and to proclaim him heir to Richard II. The traitors—the Earl of Cambridge, Henry le Scrope of Masham, and Sir Thomas Grey of Heton—had been arrested on the 30th July, and were in due course executed. (Kingsford's 'Chronicles,'

p. 70; Walsingham, ii. 305-6). The letter is not recorded in the Letter-Book. On the 12th Aug. the King addressed another letter to the Mayor, acknowledging the City's reply, but drawing attention to the absence from the City of several Aldermen, and desiring that they might be recalled (*Vide infra*, fo. cxviii., Rymer, 'Fœdera,' ix. 306-7).

lapsed heretic, and handed over to the secular authorities for punishment. Dated 22 August [A.D. 1415].¹

13 Sept., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], came good men of the Mistery of Corriours before Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and prayed that certain "points" for the government of the said mistery might be sanctioned. Their prayer granted, and ordered to be placed on record.

Fo. clv b.

*Ordinacio
Gardianor'
mistere de
Corryours.*

31 July, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], proceedings taken, at the instance of John Westone, the Common Pleader, against John Hurlebatte for having married Johanna, a daughter of Nicholas Aghton,² late an Alderman, and an orphan, without the licence of the Mayor and Aldermen. The said John Hurlebatte, being questioned as to his marriage, acknowledged that he contracted matrimony with the said orphan in the presence of Nicholas Jamys, a merchant, and Master Peter Chirche, a notary public, but the marriage had not yet been solemnized. The Court, wishing to consider the validity of the marriage, postponed the further hearing until the 6th July [*sic*],³ and committed John Hurlebatte to prison for contempt. In the meanwhile the Sheriffs were ordered to summon twelve good men from the four nearest Wards to the place where the said Nicholas died, to attend on the 6th July [*sic*], to discover the true value of the marriage; and the aforesaid Nicholas Jamys and Peter Chirche, having acknowledged the part they had taken in the matter, were, after due deliberation, committed to prison until they should pay a fine at the discretion of the Mayor and Aldermen, and condemned to lose the freedom of the City. The punishment in the case of Master Peter, however, was commuted for a fine of £20 (eventually reduced to 20s.) on his pleading ignorance of the greatness of his offence, whilst in the case of Nicholas Jamys it was carried out, owing to his contumacy.

Fos. clvi-clvib.

*Judicium
Rob'ti [sic]
Hurlebat et al'
pro maritag'
orph'e licencia
Maior' et
Aldr' non
obtentia.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 6th August [*sic*], the jurors came, viz., Robert Whaplode, William Beneriche, William Lyle of

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 617-18. Cf. *supra*, p. 139.

² For a short time Alderman of Bridge Ward. His will, dated 4 June,

1415, was proved and enrolled in the Husting in March, 1417. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 413.

³ A mistake for 6 August.

the Ward of Bridge, Walter Haselee, John Canowne, Geoffrey Dallynge of the Ward of Billynggesgate, Robert Smythe, John Tetford, Richard Balman of the Ward of Dowgate, and John Sesingham, Salamon Oxney, Martin Godard of the Ward of Langborn, who declared the marriage of the said orphan to be worth £40. Thereupon the said John Hurlebatte was adjudged to forfeit that amount, and was committed to prison until, &c.

The same day the aforesaid Nicholas Jamys made submission, and his punishment was commuted for a fine of £40 (afterwards reduced to 40s.).

Fo. clvii.
Exon'ac'
Ric'i Osmer
civis et
Braciator'
London' ab
assis' etc.

7 Oct., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], Richard Osmer, brewer, discharged by Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Pat' pro
securitate
decem mille
marc' d'no
Regi
mutuatar'.

Letters patent touching the security on the customs on wool, &c., granted for the repayment of a City loan of 10,000 marks to the King. Dated at Westminster, 1 Aug., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415].¹

Fo. clvii b.
Imprisona-
ment' Joh'is
Gedeney quia
recusavit
officium
Alderman'.

17 Jan., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414-15], John Gedeney, who had been elected Alderman of the Ward of Farndone Without, *loco* Ralph Lobenham, being summoned to take the oath of office, refused to do so on the ground of inability; although, as a freeman of the City, he was bound by oath to be a partaker in lot, *i.e.*, to hold office, and in scot, *i.e.*, contribute to taxes and other charges.² He was thereupon committed to prison and his property confiscated until the Court of Aldermen should be better advised thereon. Afterwards, viz., on the 18th [Jan.], he made submission and was sworn.³

¹ Rymer, 'Foedera,' ix. 298-9.

² *Cum omnis liber in lotto quod est officio et scotto quod est contributione taxarum et aliorum onerum ratione sacramenti predicti particeps existere tenetur.* The distinction here drawn early in the fifteenth century between *scot* and *lot*, a distinction

still upheld in the City of London, is noteworthy, inasmuch as the terms have been considered by some writers as synonymous, at least in the Middle Ages. See Gross, 'The Gild Merchant,' i. 53-6.

³ 'Memorials,' pp. 601-3.

10 Sept., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], the guardianship of Thomas, son of John Oxneye, late grocer, together with the sum of £56 13s. 4d. due to him by the death of Dionisia his sister, and also his patrimony, committed by Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and John Proffyt, the Chamberlain, to Thomas "Knollys," senior, grocer. Surety, viz., Thomas "Knolles," junior, grocer.

Fo. clviii.
*Custod'
 Thome fil'
 Joh'is Oxney
 nuper civis
 et grocer'
 London'.*

30 Sept., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], the guardianship of John, son of John Oxneye, and his property similarly committed to Salamon Oxneye,¹ goldsmith. Sureties, viz., William Fitz Hugh, goldsmith, and Martin Godard, "cotiller."

*Custodia
 Joh'is fil'
 Joh'is Oxneye
 nuper civis
 et groceri
 London'.*

Indenture between Richard Courtenay, Bishop of Norwich, and Treasurer of the King's Chamber, of the one part, and Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, and Commonalty of the City, of the other part, witnessing the delivery of a great collar of gold, composed of crowns and antelopes richly enamelled and bejewelled, to the Mayor as security for the repayment of a loan of 10,000 marks made by the City to the King. The same to be redeemed by the Feast of Circumcision [1 Jan.], A.D. 1416 [-17]. Dated 16 June, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415].²

Fo. clviii b.
*Indentur'
 divers' jocal'
 invadiat'.*

Saturday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], in the presence of Thomas Fauconer, the Mayor, John Bartone, the Recorder, Richard Whitingtone, Thomas Knolles, Richard Merlawe, Robert Chichele, William Nortone, Nicholas Wottone, William Louthe, Henry Haltone, William Chichele, John Penne, William Sevenok, and Thomas Pyke, Aldermen, and very many Commoners summoned to the Guildhall for the election of Sheriffs—William Cauntbrigge, Alderman³ and grocer, was elected one of the Sheriffs by the Mayor, and Alan Everard, Alderman³ and mercer, was elected the other Sheriff for the year ensuing by the Commonalty.

*Eleccio
 Vicecomitum.*

¹ His will, dated 2 March, 1429-30, proved and enrolled in the Husting in Oct., 1433. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 466.

² 'Memorials,' p. 613.

³ It was not an uncommon occurrence for both Sheriffs to be Aldermen although not specifically recorded as such.

Afterwards, viz., on Saturday the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], they were sworn at the Guildhall, and on the following Monday were presented and accepted before the Barons of the Exchequer at Westminster.

Fo. clix. Record of the election on Sunday the Feast of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], of Nicholas Wottone to be Mayor for the year ensuing, and of the solemn procession to Westminster made on the morrow of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.] by the Mayor, Aldermen, and an immense number of the Commonalty, on foot like pilgrims,¹ to return thanks for the joyous news that had arrived of the King's victory at Agincourt,² before the new Mayor was admitted and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer.³

*Eleccio Nich'i
Wottone in
Maiorem civi-
tatis London'.*

Masters of Misteries sworn.

Armourers : 25 Aug., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], Thomas White, Thomas Robelard.

Haberdasshers : same day, William Sewall, John Corby, John Chambre, John Langlee.

Foundours : 29 Aug., same year, John Baroun, Richard Hille.

Bladsmaythes : 4 Sept., same year, Richard Ryngwode, John Leyne.

*Strengers*⁴ : 5 Sept., same year, Ralph Eryot, Henry Yonge.

Tilers : 12 Sept., same year, Thomas White, John Grace, Geoffrey Powes.

Fo. clix b. 5 Dec., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], William Grantham, grocer, Richard Sutton, draper, and Henry Anketill, "sherman," charged before the Mayor and Aldermen with having falsely accused Thomas Pyke, Alderman of the Ward of Bradstret, with having levied a larger sum than was due from them towards the loan of 10,000 marks recently made to the King⁵ for his voyage to Harflew. They confessed their guilt, and

*Record' et
iudic' pro
rebell' fact'
contra Aldr'm
Warde de
Bradstret.*

¹ *Peregre proficiscentes Westm' pedest' adierunt*, the usual custom being to go to Westminster on horseback on the 29th Oct. for the Mayor to be sworn before the Exchequer.

² On the 25th Oct.

³ 'Memorials,' pp. 620-22.

⁴ Bow-string makers.

⁵ Cf. *supra*, pp. 142, 143.

thereupon were committed to Newgate for a year and a day, but the punishment was afterwards remitted on their entering into bond for good behaviour.

Precept to the several Aldermen to hold their Wardmotes and to make return of such matters as they are unable themselves to remedy to the Mayor's General Court to be held on Monday after the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.], and further to set watches at Christmas, take precautions against fire, &c. Dated 13 Nov., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415].

Fo. clx.

*Consil'les bille
misse fuerunt
cuilibet
Aldermanno
London'.*

Letters patent appointing Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, William Hankeford, Richard Nortone, William Lasynghby, Robert Hulle, Robert Tirwhit, John Cokayne, William Cheyne, William Lodyngtone, John Prestone, and John Bartone, senior, or any ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, or two (the Mayor being one), to be Commissioners for gaol-delivery of Newgate. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England,¹ at Westminster, 4 Nov., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415].

*Commissio pro
delib'acione
Gaol' de
Neugate
facienda.*

20 Jan., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415-16], William Rybode, skinner, discharged by Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'ac'
Will'i Rybode
civis et pelli-
parii London'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on the 16th March next [A.D. 1415-16]. No Sheriff to be returned. Witness the King at Westminster, 21 Jan., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415-16].

Fo. clx b.

*Br'e pro
parlamento.*

Afterwards, at a Husting for Common Pleas, held on Monday the Feast of St. Scolastica [10 Feb.], there were elected Richard Merlawe and Thomas Fauconer, Aldermen, William Westone, draper, and Nicholas Jamys, fishmonger, Commoners, to attend the Parliament pursuant to the above writ.

*Nomina
civium
electorum.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to take steps to secure the due observance of the statute passed in the Parliament held at Westminster on Monday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.],

*Proclamacio
facto super
statuto de
Galeyhalpens.*

¹ The King did not return from France to London until the 23rd Nov., when he was welcomed at Blackheath by the Mayor and Aldermen, who on the following day proceeded to Westminster, accompanied by 200

leading commoners, and presented the King with the sum of £1,000 in two basins of gold worth £500. Nicolas, 'Chron.', p. 103. He had created his brother Duke of Bedford in the Parliament of 1414.

3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], forbidding the use of "Galihalspens"¹ and money called "Seskyn"² and "Dodekyn,"³ and all Scottish silver money, as currency in England. Witness the King at Westminster, 3 Dec., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415].

Fo. clxi.
*Br'e sup'
statut' etc. de
ingressu forti
non faciend'
pro Th'
"Freek."*

Writ to Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, to take steps to expel Matthew Pynner and his associates from certain lands and tenements they had forcibly seized belonging to Thomas "Freke," and to commit them to Neugate. Witness the King at Westminster, 15 Jan., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415-16].

Fo. clxi b.
*Exon'acio
Thome
Osberne civis
et capper
London'.*

26 Feb., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415-16], Thomas Banent, *alias* Osberne, "cappere," discharged by Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Inquisic' de
quib' ten'
Joh'es
"Frensshe"
aur' obiit
seisitus.*

20 Nov., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], inquisition taken before Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen as to particulars of property belonging to John "Frenche," late goldsmith, and as to his heir. The jury—viz., Richard Stanys, John Hille, John Broke, William Walsale, Thomas Shirwyn, John Drury, John Chestere, Thomas Clerk, William Aleyn, John Martin, Richard Spencer, and William Waltone—find (*inter alia*) that the said John Frenche died seised of a tenement called "Topfeldisin" in the parish of St. Bride, and of other tenements in the parishes of St. Matthew, Friday Street, and St. John Zachary, by feoffment of Thomas Extone, William Haper, John Forster, John Carbonell, John Palyng, Reymund

¹ Galley halfpence; a small silver coin said to have been brought to London by Venetian merchants, whose galleys landed wine and other merchandise at "Galley Quay," in Thames Street (Stow, 'Survey,' Thoms's ed., p. 52). Ruding ('Annals of the Coinage,' i. 497) states that in 1414 writs were issued to William Crowmere, the Mayor, and the Searchers of the Port of London, to search the Venetian galleys for Galley halfpence imported into England contrary to the Statute (*vide*

supra, p. 100). It has been suggested that the coin may have been so called from being struck with the figure of a galley ('Liber Alb.,' Glossary).

² A Flemish coin of six "mites" (Ruding, i. 499n.).

³ "Doydekyn," "Doitkine," or "Doit," the last term being still used to express a coin of very small value (*ibid.*).

⁴ Stat. 3 Hen. V. cap. i.; 'Statutes at Large,' i. 504.

Standell, and William Brace, chaplain. They also find that the said John Frenche died on Monday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], and that John his son is his next heir, being fifteen years of age.¹

Kapmakers: 2 Oct., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], Thomas atte Wode, Stephen Roo, Richard Flete, and John Volantyne sworn Masters of mistery.

Sporyers: 6 Oct., same year, Robert Nothale and William Chapman sworn Masters.

7 Dec., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], Thomas de "Albertis" condemned to stand on the pillory for fraudulently obtaining cloth of gold from William Bury, a mercer in the parish of St. Pancras, by connivance with Michael Peryn, a foreign broker. The punishment afterwards commuted for a fine of £20 paid towards the new work of the Guildhall.²

Fo. clxii.
*Inquisicio pro
Rege pro
falsit' et
decept' fact'
per Th. de
"Albertes" et
Judic' inde.*

The last day of Feb., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415-16], William Burre, fuller, discharged by Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. clxii b.
*Exon'acio
Will'i Burre
fuller civis
London'.*

22 Feb., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415-16], came Robert Leghe, William Pycard, William Symmes, and John Sudbury, grocers, and delivered to John Hille, the Chamberlain, the sum of £207 12s. 3½d. bequeathed to Margaret, daughter of John Drew, late grocer, by her said father, and accruing to her by the death of Johanna and Albreda her sisters; to hold the same in trust for her and Richard Beke, mercer, her husband.

*Exon'ac'
custodie Mar-
garete filie
Joh'is Drew
etc.*

12 March, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415-16], the guardianship of William, son of William Coventre, together with his patrimony, committed by Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to John Coventre, mercer. Sureties, viz., Thomas Broun, grocer, and John Credy, esquire.

*Custodia
Will'i filii
Will'i
Coventre
senioris etc.*

¹ Both father and son are mentioned in the will of Bartholomew Seman, "goldbetere," proved and enrolled in the Husting in Oct.,

1432, where the name of the father's wife is mentioned as Margaret. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 459.

² 'Memorials,' pp. 622-4.

Fo. clxiii.

*Inquisicio pro
quodam ten'
Walt'i Pope
sherman
situs in
paroch' Sc'i
Christofori
Lond' in qua
Warda debet
assidere.*

21 Feb., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415-16], a jury summoned to inquire whether a house inhabited by Walter Pope, "sherman," in the parish of St. Christopher, stood in the Ward of Cornhill or Bradstrete. The jurors, summoned from the four adjacent Wards, viz., Martin Godard, John Sessyngham, and James Knyght, of Langborn Ward, Robert Scrace, Simon Seman, and Robert Whaplode, of the Ward of Bridge, William Kent, "peautrer," William Broker, and William Kent, skinner, of the Ward of Walbroke [*the names of the jurors of the Ward of Chepe are omitted*], find that portions of the tenement lay in each of the Wards of Cornhill and Bradstret, but the part in which the tenant and his family lived lay in Cornhill Ward, and therefore the tenement should contribute to the charges of that Ward, pursuant to the long-used custom recorded in the book with the "letter Horn,"¹ fo. cccxxii.

*Presentacio
Joh'is Moun-
fort alias
Burbrigge
presbiteri ad
capellam in
Guilhada civi-
tatis London'.*

Letter from Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to Richard [Clifford], Bishop of London, presenting John Mountfort, *alias* Burbrigge, a priest, for admission to one of the five chantries founded in the Guildhall Chapel by Adam Fraunceys and Henry Frowyk, vacant by the resignation of Sir William Holme. Dated 13 Kal. April [20 March], A.D. 1415[-16].

Fo. clxiii b.

*Ordinacio
mistere de
Brasiers civi-
tatis London'.*

20 March, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17], certain ordinances for regulating the Mistery of Brasiers (among them being one allowing them to elect yearly two or four Wardens, provided one at least be a worker in the craft and the others "chapmen") submitted to the Mayor and Aldermen, and approved.²

Fo. clxiv.

31 March, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], came Matilda, widow of Richard Wodecok, salter, Thomas Beaumont and William Edward, salters, executors of the said Richard, and Robert Trewlove, surveyor of the testament of the same, and delivered

¹ Referring to the book preserved among the City's archives and known as 'Liber Horn' (from an eminent fishmonger and City Chamberlain of that name), where an ordinance of 1311 to this effect has been tran-

scribed from 'Letter-Book D,' fo. cxlvi b. (See 'Cal. D,' p. 285.)

² 'Memorials,' 624-6. The date, however, is incorrectly given as 3 Hen. V.

to John Hille, the Chamberlain, the sum of £561, in trust for William, John, and Johanna, children of the said Richard, in manner prescribed.

Afterwards, viz., on the 7th April, the same year, the sum of £60 belonging to William, one of the orphans, was delivered to John Wyot, draper, with whom the said William had been put as an apprentice. Sureties, viz., Henry Rede, "armurer," Thomas Mountgomery, draper.

Afterwards, viz., on the 6th April, the same year, came Richard Nordone, tailor, who married Agnes, widow of Richard Payn, skinner, and delivered to John Hille, the Chamberlain, the sum of £60 out of the property formerly belonging to Thomas, son of William Wodehous, late skinner, appertaining to John, son of the said Thomas, who had married Agnes, daughter of Henry Wolryby, of Medborne, co. Leices.¹ The next day the sum of £20 out of the above £60 was delivered to the said John.

Fo. clxiv b.

*Exon'acio £xx
pertinent'
Joh'i filio
Thome
Wodehous.*

10 March, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415-16], came Richard Merlawe, Alderman, who had originally been admitted into the freedom of the City in the craft (*arte*) of Ironmongers, but was now following the craft (*arte*) of Fishmongers, and who had been in the habit of receiving yearly and alternately² (*et alternis vicibus*) the livery and clothing of both crafts, contrary to the ordinance made on the 13th May, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], during the Mayoralty of Thomas Fauconer,³ and prayed the Mayor and Aldermen to admit him to the freedom, clothing, or livery of the craft of Fishmongers. His prayer granted.⁴

*Ordinacio de
lib'atis capic'
et vest' non
utena'.*

Recital of the ordinance above-mentioned forbidding any Mayor, Alderman, Sheriff, or other officer of the City receiving the livery or clothing of any craft or fraternity but one, under penalty prescribed, contrary to which ordinance William Cauntbrigge, an Alderman, who had been admitted into the freedom of the City in the craft of Ironmongers, had for some time past exercised both the craft of Grocer and that of Ironmonger, as was reported [*ends abruptly*].

Fo. clxv.

¹ Cf. *supra*, pp. 55, 57.

² "At different times" (Riley).

³ *Vide supra*, p. 138.

⁴ 'Memorials,' p. 624.

Masters of Misteries sworn.

Fo. clxv b.

Steynours: 7 Oct., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], John Moubray, John Clare, sworn to rule the mystery well and truly, sparing none for love nor molesting any from hate, and to present to the Mayor and Aldermen and the Chamberlain any defects they may find.

Tapicers: 8 Oct., the same year, William Bullok, Robert Spayne, Thomas Besouth, John Bonauntre, similarly sworn.

Foreign Weavers: 20 Nov., the same year, Lucas Lender' of Brabant, John de Bergham of Flanders, similarly sworn.

English Weavers: 21 Nov., Philip Sunning, William Michell, similarly sworn.

Painters: 20 March, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17], Thomas Richer, John Northfolk, similarly sworn.

Brasiers: 31 March, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], Thomas Piryngtone, John Bridde, similarly sworn.

Shermen: The same day, Thomas Clothman, John Horwold, Walter Copshef, similarly sworn.

"Friturers" (?): 12 May, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], John Graunt, Geoffrey Whyt, similarly sworn.

Limners and Scriveners: 20 May, the same year, Roger Ybott, John Carswell, similarly sworn.

Cutlers: 1 July, the same year, John Parker, Thomas Kyngtone, John Swalwe.

Cordwainers: 16 July, the same year, John Martyn, John Goodman, Richard Beaumonde, John Tebawde, similarly sworn.

Joynours: 28 July, the same year, Simon Serle, Richard Resoun, similarly sworn.

Dyers: 30 July, the same year, Henry Fisser, William Ty, John Lacy, John Vicary, similarly sworn.

Linen-Weavers: The same day, John Baltesore, John Malster, similarly sworn.

Pouchemakers and Galochemakers: 4 Aug., the same year, William Walshe similarly sworn, *loco*.....Walter.

Girdelers: 20 Aug., the same year, John Nasyng, Walter Colred, William Penne, Richard Michell, similarly sworn.

Lorimers: 21 Aug., the same year, Richard Fuller, William Aleyn, Ralph Aleyn, similarly sworn.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make public proclamation for masters of ships and vessels and seamen of the same to proceed to the port of Orewell with all haste, and remain there until further notice, inasmuch as the French and Genoese were threatening an invasion. Witness the King at Westminster, 5 April, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

21 May, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], proclamation made prescribing the price to be charged for divers wines, poultry, eggs, hay, and oats.

22 June, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], proclamation made forbidding vintners, taverners, piebakers, and others to keep their houses open after 9 o'clock on the eves of St. John Baptist and SS. Peter and Paul, or to sell food or drink before 6 o'clock of the following morning, under penalty of imprisonment and fine, and further enjoining all those occupying houses on the high streets to hang out lights on the eves aforesaid.

23 May and 27 May, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], proclamation made for every soldier and seaman in the King's pay to serve in the coming voyage under the lord (*monsieur*) of Huntyngdon¹ to be ready and apparelled by to-morrow at 11 o'clock in their vessels appointed to set sail from the ports of London.

20 May, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], came John Shadworth, Thomas Aleyn, and Peter Givayn, executors of John Wodecok, mercer, and delivered to John Hille, the Chamberlain, the sum of 520 marks in trust for Felicia,² daughter of the said John Wodecok.

Alle maner of lordes knyghtes and squyers that ben y poynted to goo with oure liege lord the Kyng in this present viage drawe hem home in to here contrees and make hem Redy to be with oure liege lord

¹ John Holland, who was restored to the Earldom of Huntingdon, forfeited by his father in 1399. In the following month the Earl met with and

defeated a Genoese fleet off the English coast. Nicolas, 'Chron.', pp. 105-6. Kingsford, 'Chronicles,' p. 71.

² See note *infra*, p. 155.

Fo. clxvi.

*Istud br'e
proclamat'
fuit viii^o die
April' anno
r^o r^o Henr^o
quinti quarto.*

*Proclamacio
facta xxi^o die
Maii anno
r^o r^o Henr^o
quinti quarto.*

*Proclamacio
facta xxii^o
die Junii anno
r^o r^o Henr^o
quinti quarto.*

*Proclamacio
facta xxiii^o
die Maii et
xxvii^{mo} die
Maii anno
quarto
predicto.*

*Custod' Felicie
filie Johannis
Wodecok nup'
civis et mercer'
London'.*

Fo. clxvi b.

*Proclamacio
facta viii^o die
Junii anno
r^o r^o Henr^o
quinti quarto.*

*the Kyng atte Hamptone the Munday afor Myssomeresday next to come.*¹

*Istud br'e
proclamat' fuit
xiiii^{mo} die
Junii anno
quarto
predicto.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to the effect that whereas a proposal to place the town of Hareflieu in charge of the King of the Romans and the Duke of Holand,² under certain conditions, had failed owing to the opposition displayed by French nobles, then prisoners in England,³ and others, the King had determined himself to proceed to France in order to succour and defend the town.⁴ Proclamation was therefore to be made for all officers and men who were bound to accompany the King to meet at Suthampton, on Wednesday after the Feast of St. John Bapt. [24 June].⁵ Witness the King at Westminster, 13 June, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

*Proclamacio
facta xxix^{mo}
die Junii
anno quarto
predicto.*

*Oure lige lord the Kyng hot and comaundeth that all maner of mariners as well Maisters as other that bnth [sic] assignyd to passe in this present viage of our lige lord aforsayd be this same day be tweyne aftir none withynne here shippis here yn Temse to here what shal be declared to hem on the be halve of oure forsaid lige lord be his consaille on peyne of enprisounement and all that may be falle.*⁶

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 628. The object of this expedition is disclosed in the writ which follows.

² The Emperor Sigismund and Duke William of Holland, who were in England on a visit to the King with the view of negotiating a peace.

³ The King had occasion to complain of the attitude of the French prisoners, who, whilst professing themselves desirous of peace, were chiefly anxious to stop the King's proposed expedition, and above all to gain their own liberty. Rymer, 'Foedera,' ix. 427.

⁴ The story as told in the Cotton MS. Cleopatra C iv. (see Kingsford's 'Chronicles of London,' p. 125) is to the effect that in the first week of June Henry was minded to give the keeping of the town of Harfleur to the Emperor and the Duke of Holand "for a certayn tyme"; that the

Commons feared treason, and told the King of their fears; that Henry thereupon consulted his French prisoners, with the result that he changed his mind, and determined to go himself to France. With this view he issued an order on Sunday, the 14th June, for those who should pass with him over the sea to meet him at Southampton 17 days later (*i.e.*, Wednesday, 1 July). The command of the expedition was eventually given to his brother, the Duke of Bedford, the King having given up his original intention of commanding it in person.

⁵ Wednesday, 1 July.

⁶ 'Memorials,' p. 629. This proclamation was made on Monday, the 29th June, and the King's Council, it appears, was to meet at the Blackfriars on the following day. *Vide infra*, p. 162.

Masters of Misteries sworn.

Barbers : 2 Oct., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], John Brampton, John Morysch, Richard Clerc, sworn in manner as recorded *supra*, fo. clxv b.

Barber-Surgeons : John Parker, Simon Rolf, similarly sworn.

Shethers : 5 Oct., the same year, John Rasyn, John Richmond, similarly sworn.

Tapicers : The same day, John Selxtone, John Godyng, John Tawtone, Robert Tropenelle.

4 May, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], came Felicia, widow of William atte Wode, armourer, and delivered to John Hille, the Chamberlain, a sum of money and a cup in trust for Henry, son of the said William and Felicia.

Fo. clxvii.

*Custodia
Henrici filii
Will'i atte
Wode nup'
civis et
armurar'
London'.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 7th May, the same year, the guardianship of the said orphan and his property was committed to the said Felicia. Sureties, viz., Walter Rideler, draper, Richard Justice, "fourbour," Thomas Moryce, "wexchaundeller," and John Asshtone.

14 May, the same year, in the presence of Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, John Hille, the Chamberlain, delivered to Robert Colbrook, "irmonger," who had married Johanna, daughter of Richard Wodecok, late citizen and salter, the sum of £200, his wife's property, one half of which the said Robert delivered to Thomas Beaumond and William Edward, executors of the said Richard, pursuant to a bond that had been entered into between the parties and entered in the Roll of Memoranda of the aforesaid Mayor.

6 April, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], came the Wardens of the Mystery of Goldsmiths as well as John Tyce,¹ "goldbeter," before Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, in his mansion house in the parish of St. Laurence Pulteney, when the said John declared his wish to be thenceforth of the livery and clothing of the Mystery of Goldsmiths, and that he was prepared to undertake all necessary duties attaching thereto.

¹ Otherwise known as John Spicer. *Vide supra*, pp. 124, 127.

Fo. clxvii b.

*Admissio
Thome Leget
in mister'
Aurifabror'.*

15 May, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], came Thomas, son of John Leget, "letherseller," apprentice of John Hert, haberdasher, and declared before Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen that whereas he had been admitted into the freedom of the City in the Mistery of Haberdashers, when William Waldern was Mayor, and John Proffyt was Chamberlain, on the 11th Feb., 14 Henry IV. [A.D. 1412-13], he had long exercised the mistery of Goldsmiths, and not that of Haberdashers; he therefore prayed that he might be admitted into the freedom of the City in the Mistery of Goldsmiths. His prayer granted.

Fos. clxvii b-
clxviii.

*De irrotula-
mento cujus-
dam scripti
Elizabet
Fraunceys.*

19 May, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], came Elizabeth Fraunceys, widow of John Godman, *alias* Fraunceys, late goldsmith, and John Standelf and John Joce, two of the Wardens of the Mistery of Goldsmiths, before Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and prayed that a certain deed might be acknowledged and enrolled, whereby the aforesaid John Standelf, John Bythewater, John Biernes, and John Joce, the four Wardens of the Mistery of Goldsmiths, by virtue of the will of Nicholas Farndone, late goldsmith, proved and enrolled in the Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday after the Feast of Ascension [6 May], 35 Edward III. [A.D. 1361],¹ sold to the said Elizabeth Godman, *alias* Fraunceys certain tenements in the parishes of St. Vedast and St. Matthew in Fridaystrete, situate near the tenements called "le Cardenaleshat" and "le Flourdelys," to hold the same for life, with remainder to Robert Halle, goldsmith, and Johanna his wife in fee. To this deed the aforesaid John Standelf and John Joce had set their seals (but John Bythewater and John Biernes had refused theirs), in the presence of Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, Alan Everard and William Caumbrigge, the Sheriffs, and William de Louthe, Alderman of the Ward.² The witnesses were John Lever, Richard atte Lee, Peter Russell, Richard Sage, Thomas Waryn, and others [not named], and the deed was dated 15 May, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

¹ See 'Calendar of Wills,' ii. 18-19. |

² Farringdon Within.

Thereupon the said John Bythewater and John Biernes, being sent for, declined to acknowledge the deed (as they said) *fide media*, and the Mayor and Aldermen declared the deed to be void.

Afterwards, the four Masters or co-wardens (*concustodes*) of the Mystery of Goldsmiths aforesaid having agreed as to the enrolment of the above deed, as testified by three of them, viz., John Standelf, John Joce, and John Bythewater, before Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, and John Bartone, the Recorder, it was ordained that it should be read and enrolled in the Husting¹ according to the custom of the City.

22 April, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], came John, son of Thomas Wodehous,² before Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, and Aldermen, and being of full age demanded his property, and asked that Richard Nordone, tailor, who had married Agnes his mother, might be made to render account for money received as well in the time of Richard Payn, who had previously married the said Agnes, as at other times. Thereupon auditors were appointed, and an account duly rendered.

6 June, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], the guardianship of Johanna,³ daughter of John Wodecok, late mercer, aged 19, together with her patrimony, committed by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Chamberlain to John Bacoun, "wollemán." Sureties, viz., Nicholas Wottone, draper, and William Sevenok, grocer.

15 June, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], the guardianship of Felicia,⁴ daughter of John Wodecok, mercer, together with her patrimony, committed by Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to Thomas Aleyn, mercer. Sureties, viz., William Waldern and John Middeltone, mercers.

Precept to the several Aldermen to assess and levy in their Wards a sum amounting to a fifteenth, and to bring the money to the Guildhall by the Feast of Pentecost [7 June]. Under the seal of the Mayoralty. [No date.]

Fo. clxix.

Fo. clxviii b.

Exon'acio
£xliiii
vis. viiij.
Joh'i filio
Thome
Wodehous
pertinent'.

Fo. clxix.

Custodia
Johanne filie
Joh'is Wode-
cok civis et
mercet'
London'.

Custodia
Felicie filie
Johannis
Wodecok civis
et mercet'
London'.

Fo. clxix b.

Consimilis
billa missa
fuit cuil't
Aldr'c.

¹ See Hust. Roll 144 (34).

² Cf. *supra*, pp. 55, 57.

³ Cf. *supra*, p. 137.

⁴ The will of John Wodecok, mercer, proved and enrolled in the

Husting in Feb., 1412-13 ('Cal. of Wills,' ii. 397-9), gives the names of the testator's children as John, William, Johanna, and *Philippa*, and his wife's name as Felicia.

*Consimilis
billa missa
fuit cuil't
Aldr'o.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to set an armed watch in their Wards on the eves of the Feasts of St. John the Baptist and SS. Peter and Paul, according to ancient custom, and to take the usual precautions against fire, &c. Dated 17 June, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

*Br'e de
aperiendo
hostia et
fenestras
Ric'i Anable.*

Writ *pluries* to Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, bidding him to reopen the windows of the house of Richard Anable, "peautrere"—which he had caused to be closed on account of an action brought by the said Richard in conjunction with John Russell, "wollemonger," and John Estone, "joynour," against Thomas Fauconer, mercer, late the King's Escheator in the City,¹ having been removed out of the City to the King's Court—or to show cause why he had disobeyed former writs to similar effect. Witness W[illiam] "Hangford" at Westminster, 4 June, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

Fo. clxx.

*Retornum
super br'e
predict'.*

Return made to the above writ by Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, to the effect that by immemorial custom any freeman of the City convicted of disobeying the orders of the Mayor and Aldermen was deprived of the franchise and prevented from following any craft in the City; that the above Richard Anable had refused to obey an order to appear at the Guildhall on the 29th Oct., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], and was on that account removed from the franchise and forbidden to follow his craft; that nevertheless the said Richard continued to exercise his craft openly in his shop, contrary to the liberty, custom, and franchise of the said City; and that thereupon the windows of his said shop were on that account closed, and not on account of the action mentioned in the writ. The windows, therefore, could not be reopened without prejudice to the liberties of the City.

Fo. clxx b.

Writ² for the attachment of Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, to appear on the octave of St. Michael to answer for certain contempts. Witness William Hankeford at Westminster, 14 July, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

¹ That is to say during his Mayoralty (1414-15), the Mayor, for the time being, being the King's Escheator.

² To whom the writ is addressed is not recorded.

Writ to the Sheriffs to attach Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, to appear on the octave of St. Michael [29 Sept.] and answer for his treatment of the above Richard Anable. Witness W[illiam] Hankeford at Westminster, 12 July, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

*Br'e de
attachiando
Nick'm Wot-
tone Maiorem.*

Writ of *supersedeas* touching the above, the Mayor having satisfactorily explained his conduct. Witness the King at Canterbury, 26 Aug., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

Fo. clxxi.
*Supersedeas
br'is predicti.*

Writ to the Justices notifying that proceedings against the Mayor had been stayed. Witness the King at Canterbury, 24 Aug., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

Fo. clxxi b.

Another writ to the Justices to similar effect, and bidding them refer the above John Russell to the King and his Council if he wished to proceed further with the matter. Witness the King at Canterbury, 26 Aug., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

*Br'e pro
Joh'e Russell.*

4 July, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], came Robert Arnold before the Mayor and Aldermen and publicly repudiated anything that might be done in his name by William, son of John Bolecley of "Delbury,"¹ co. Salop, his runaway apprentice.²

Fo. clxxii.
*Retraccio et
recessus Will'i
Bolecley
apprenticii
nuper Rob'ti
Arnold.*

17 Aug., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], Thomas Wodeseathe of Camerwell, co. Surrey, "coupere," discharged by Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exoneracio
Thome Wode-
seathe civis et
Couper
London'.*

2 Aug., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], petition by good men of the Mistery of "Strengers"³ to the Mayor and Aldermen that they may elect Wardens, and have power of search, &c. Their petition granted.⁴

*Ordinacio
mistere de
Strengers.*

2 Oct., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], John, son of Siward le Blake cook (Black cook?), citizen and "pyebaker," discharged by Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. clxxii b.
*Exon'acio
Johannis filii
Siwardi le
Blake Coci.*

12 Oct., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], John Westone, "irmonger," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Wes-
tone civis et
Irmonger
London'.*

¹ Diddlebury.

² 'Memorials,' p. 629.

³ Bow-string makers.

⁴ 'Memorials,' p. 634.

*Exoneracio
Nich'i Losey
civis et
allutar'
London'.*

14 Oct., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], Nicholas Losey, cordwainer, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Br'e pro par-
liamento apud
Westm' a'o
Henr' quinti
quarto et
returnum
sup' eodem.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on the 19th October next. No Sheriff to be returned. Witness the King at Sandwich, 3 Sept., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

Pursuant to the above, there were elected Richard Whityngtone and Thomas Knolles, Aldermen; John Perneys and Robert Whityngham, Commoners.

Fo. clxxiii.
*Orainacio
zonar' in-
rotulat' in
parliament'
miss' huc sub
magno sigillo
Reg' etc.*

Letters patent confirming ordinances of the Mistery of Girdlers originally granted by Edward III. in 1327, and recently confirmed in the Parliament of 1415.¹ Witness the King at Westminster, 29 June, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

Fo. clxxiii b.

Writ to the Sheriffs to cause the above letters patent to be publicly proclaimed. Witness Thomas, Duke of Clarence, Warden of England,² at Westminster, 5 Oct., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

Letter of attorney by Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, to John Mychell, John Reinwell, William Mychell, John Perneys, John Coventre, and Nicholas James, to receive the subsidy on wool in the Port of London granted by the King as security for the repayment of a City loan of 10,000 marks [*ends abruptly*].

Fo. clxxiv.
*L're Impera-
toris de
dominio
concesso.*

Letters of the Emperor Sigismund restoring John de Montemagno to his estates. Dated at Westminster, near the City of London, 5 June, A.D. 1416.

Fos. clxxiv-
clxxiv b.
*L're de officio
tabellionatus
per Impera-
torem concess'
Joh'i
Chesham.*

Letters of the same appointing John Chesham, citizen of London, to be a notary public and tabellion throughout the Roman Empire.³ Dated at Eltham, in the diocese of London, in the realm of England, 8 Aug., A.D. 1416.

¹ 'Rot. Parl.' iv. 73-4.

² The King had crossed over to Calais early in September with the view to further negotiations for a peace.

³ In the days of the Holy Roman Empire the Emperors claimed to be able to do some things which Kings could not, the creation of notaries being one. They thereby

Statute passed in the Parliament held at Westminster the 16th March, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415-16].¹

Fos. clxxv-clxxvi.

Thursday, 24 Sept., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], an ordinance made by Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, forbidding those who were likely to be nominated for the office of Mayor or Sheriff to conspire, with noisy clamour of their partisans, to obtain their discharge from serving, and so prevent a free election, under penalty of imprisonment and a fine, &c.

Fo. clxxvi.

At the same Common Council it was ordained that the Husting should be held thenceforth on the Feast of St. Botolph [17 June], now that St. Botolph's Fair (on account on which the Husting was formerly adjourned) had ceased for many years past to be held at Boston on that day.³

Fo. clxxvi b.
Consuetudo de hust' non tenend' post festum Sancti Both'i adnulat' etc.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all knights, esquires, and valets desirous of crossing over to Normandy to go to the King's uncle, Henry [Beaufort], Bishop of Winchester, Chancellor and Treasurer, and receive their wages; and further, for all merchants, victuallers, and artificers who were willing to reside in the town of "Harefleu"⁴ to go there with all speed with their goods and harness (*hernesiiis suis*), and the Captain of the town⁵ would provide them with houses, and when settled there the King would grant them a charter of liberties. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, at Westminster, 5 Oct., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415].

Fo. clxxvii.
Proclamacio q'd quisquis voluerit appropinquet versus "Harefleu."

encroached upon the authority of the Pope. This right was also claimed before the Reformation by the Archbishop of Canterbury by reason of his Legatine authority, and after the Reformation it became formally vested in him by Statute 25 Henry VIII. See Blackstone's 'Comment.' (ed. Kerr), i. 214. A "Society of Notaries Public" exists in England at the present day.

¹ See 'Statutes at Large' (ed. 1758), i. 505-8.

² 'Memorials,' pp. 635-7.

³ 'Memorials,' p. 637.

⁴ The town had capitulated to the King on the 22nd Sept., and Henry was anxious to repeople it before breaking up his camp.

⁵ The Earl of Dorset had been appointed to that post.

*Proclamac'
q'd nullus
accedat ad
partes insu-
lares Dacie et
Norwegie per
unum annum
etc.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation forbidding the King's subjects for one year to visit the islands belonging to the realms of Denmark and Norway, and more especially the island of "Island,"¹ for fishing or other purpose to the prejudice of the King of those realms,² otherwise than they have been accustomed to do. Witness the King at Westminster, 28 Nov., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415].³

*Proclamac'
q'd universi
milites et
armigeri se
trahant etc.
cum omni
festinac' versus
personam
regiam.*

Writ to the Sheriffs notifying an approaching visit to be paid to England by Sigismund, King of the Romans, and bidding them make proclamation for all knights and esquires to meet King Henry on the 16th April at the latest. Witness the King at Westminster, 7 April, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].⁴

*Proclam' q'd
null' eat
arma' infra
civitatem nisi
etc.*

Another writ to the same to the effect that whereas the King of the Romans was now approaching the City with a noble retinue, and it was King Henry's wish that his lords and other of his lieges from divers parts of the realm should come and reside in London during the Emperor's stay, the Sheriffs should make public proclamation restricting the carrying of swords or other weapons in the City to knights and esquires under penalty of forfeiture. Witness the King at Westminster, 6 May, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

Fo. clxxvii b.

*Proclama-
cioun faite
pur la peas et
bone reule de
la Citee.*

Proclamation for safeguarding the City and preservation of the peace, also forbidding the enhancement of victuals, &c. [No date.]

Fo. clxxviii.

*Proclam' pur
attendaunce
faire entour
le Roy.*

Proclamation for lords, knights, and esquires to attend the King at Lambhithe on horseback on the morrow between 8 and 9 in the morning.⁵ [No date.]

¹ Iceland, which island was much frequented at this time by the men of Scarborough for cod-fishing. Wylie, ii. 85n.

² Eric, King of Norway, Denmark, and Sweden, who married Philippa, a sister of Henry V.

³ Printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' ix. 322. Similar writs sent to the

Mayors or Bailiffs of Yarmouth, Lynn, Scarborough, and other English fishing towns.

⁴ A similar writ to the sheriff of Kent is printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' ix. 339.

⁵ 'Memorials,' p. 627. The proclamation was probably issued on Wednesday the 6th May, 1416, for

Proclamation forbidding the practice of "hokkyng" on Monday and Tuesday, known as "les Hokkedayes," under penalty of imprisonment and fine.

Proclamation inviting merchants and others to speed to the lord the King, "beyng atte Harflewe," with all manner of victual clothing, armour, and artillery, and to be ready "between this and to-day sevenyght," and in the meanwhile to go to the Mayor, who would assign them shipping and passage.¹ [No date.]

*A crye made
for comune
passage toward
Harefliu.*

Proclamation to be made forbidding any lord, knight, or esquire to cease his attendance upon the King before the close of the solemn Feast of St. George [23 April]² or afterwards without special permission. [No date.]

*Proclamac'on
pur non
departir hors
l'attendaunce
du Roy.*

Proclamation to be made for all ships about to sail on the coming expedition³ to assemble at Gravesende with the view of setting sail on Wednesday next if the wind permits. [No date.]

*Proclamac' qe
les niefs etc.
se trahent
devers
Gravesende.*

the King met the Emperor on the following day "a litel beyonde Seynt Thomas waterynge" — a place so called from a brook or spring dedicated to St. Thomas Becket, and situated near the second milestone on the Old Kent Road. The Emperor during his stay in London occupied Westminster Palace, whilst Henry himself, we are told, lodged at Lambeth. Kingsford's 'Chronicles of London,' p. 124.

¹ This proclamation, which is in English, is set out in Riley's 'Memorials' (p. 628), the date assigned to it by the editor being May, 1416, "when the King was intending personally to lead the expedition for the relief of Harfleur"; but since the proclamation speaks of the King as "being at Harfleur" (where he certainly never was in 1416), the more probable date appears to be October, 1415. Cf. *supra*, p. 159.

² It was at this Feast in 1416,

according to Walsingham (ii. 316), that the Emperor Sigismund received the Order of St. George at Windsor, although the Emperor did not arrive in London until the 7th May. The discrepancy is noticed by the editor of the 'Memorials' (p. 627n.), who, nevertheless, entertained but little doubt that the Emperor was actually at Windsor on St. George's Day, whereas, as a matter of fact, the keeping of that festival was postponed until after the Emperor's arrival. See Gregory's 'Chron.' (Camd. Soc.), p. 113; 'English Chron.' (Camd. Soc., No. 64), p. 42n.

³ This and the proclamations which follow appear to refer to the expedition which the King proposed to make for the relief of Harfleur in the summer of 1416. He eventually gave up his original intention of going in person, and transferred the command of the expedition to the Duke of Bedford.

*Proclamac'
pur prest
parail affair
pur passage
des ditz niefs.*

Proclamation to be made for all captains and leaders of men who have vessels assigned to them in the Port of London for sailing with the lord the King to make all possible haste to victual the said ships, as they ought, please God, to leave for Southampton on Friday next. Also for all purveyors assigned for the purpose of victualling the King's ships to do so with all speed, in order that they may be ready by the same day. Also for all captains and leaders of men for the present expedition who are in London to attend the King's Council on the Tuesday afterwards named (*apres nomee*) [30 June?] at the Preaching Friars at 3 o'clock to receive instructions. [No date.]

Fo. clxxviii b.

Proclamacio.

Proclamation for seamen and soldiers to be on board their ships that night ready to sail for Southampton, under penalty of imprisonment.¹ [No date.]

*Proclam' q'd
o'es qui cap'
feod' de R' etc.
festinent usq'
Sutht'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all knights, esquires, and valets in the King's pay to assemble at Southampton on the 20th June,² arrayed and furnished with victuals for a quarter of a year. Witness the King at Westminster, 28 May, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

*Proclam' q'd
o'es qui ven'
per brevia sint
coram consilio
R' apud
Westm'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all the King's lieges who, by virtue of former writs,³ had come to the City, to remain there and not depart, but attend the King's Council at Westminster on Monday next [6 May], and await its answer on a matter which the King had laid before it. Witness the King at Westminster, 3 May, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415].⁴

Fo. clxxix.

*Proclamacio
per breve.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all those aggrieved by infringement of provisions concluded between the King's ambassadors and the commissioners of John, Duke of Burgundy, and Count of Flanders, to lay their grievances before the commissioners and ambassadors of the several parties, who were about to meet at Calais on the 1st day of

¹ This proclamation is in English, and is set out in 'Memorials' (p. 628). The date is probably June, 1416.

² The date given in the writ as printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera' (ix. 355) is the 22nd June.

³ Cf. *supra*, p. 134.

⁴ The irregular manner in which various writs, &c., are frequently recorded in the Letter-Book often renders it difficult to assign dates to undated entries.

August next,¹ in order that justice might be done. Witness the King at Westminster, 28 May, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation that the truce entered into between the King's late father and John, Duke of Burgundy, Count of Flanders, had been prolonged for two years. Witness the King at Westminster, 28 May, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].²

*Proclamacio
de treugis.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all men-at-arms and archers who were to set out in the King's service under John Typtoft, Steward of Aquitaine,³ to hasten to Plymmouth by Monday the Feast of St. John Bapt. [24 June] at the latest. Witness the King at Westminster, 10 June, 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415].

*Proclamacio
q'd ho'ies ar-
mati et sagit-
tarii se fes-
tinent versus
Plymmouth.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all capable men of the City and suburbs to array themselves and proceed to join the Duke of Bedford in defending the realm against attack by the Scots and others. Witness the King at Southamptone, 2 Aug., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415].⁴

Fo. clxxix b.
*Br'e d'ni Regis
direct' Vic'
London' q'd
singuli ligei
sui se arraient
versus Joh'em
ducent Bed-
ford etc.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of the truce between England and Castile having been prolonged for one year from the Feast of Purification [2 Feb.]. Witness the King at Westminster, 24 Feb., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414-15].⁵

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of a truce having been concluded between the King of England and his allies on the one part, and [Sigismund] King of the Romans and his allies on the other, to continue from the Feast of St. Dionisius [9 Oct.] last past until the Feast of the Purification B. Mary [2 Feb.] next ensuing.⁶ Witness Thomas, Duke of Clarence,

¹ A conference took place at Calais in September between the Emperor Sigismund and the French and English envoys, and continued for some weeks, but the negotiations only ended in a short truce. Rymer, ix. 387, 397-401.

² Printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' ix. 354-5.

³ He had been appointed to that

post by letters patent dated 8 May, 1415, and was about to set sail to take up his duties. *Ibid.*, ix. 239, 243.

⁴ A similar writ to the Sheriff of Kent is printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' ix. 299.

⁵ Rymer's 'Fœdera,' ix. 204.

⁶ This truce was the outcome of the conference at Calais. See Rymer's 'Fœdera,' ix. 398-401.

Warden of England, at Westminster, 13 Oct., 4 Henry V.
[A.D. 1416].¹

Fo. clxxx.
*Proclamacon
made that all
manere of men
of what degree
that þei ben of
to be redy wi
þe Kynge atte
Dover.*

A proclamation for all men bound for service to apparel themselves and meet the King at Dover on Sunday next, and join the expedition he was about to make, under penalty.²
[No date.]

*Br'e d'ni
Regis q'd uni-
versi ligei sui
properent ver-
sus Thomam
duc' Clarencie
in defensionem
regni sui
Anglie.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all able-bodied men of the City and suburbs to array themselves and assist Thomas, Duke of Clarence, the King's Warden, in the defence of the realm. Witness the said Warden at Westminster, 10 Sept., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

*Br'e d'ni Reg'
direct' q'd
omnes ligei sui
milites armi-
geri et alii qui
sunt de retin-
encia sua sint
in propriis
personis suis
apud Dover'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all knights and esquires of the King's retinue, and all others who were lately charged to cross the sea with the King, to be at Dover by the 19th August at the latest, duly arrayed both as to arms and equipment,³ in order to proceed to the town of Calais, where a convention was to be held between the King and certain of his enemies. Witness the King at Westminster, 7 Aug., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

Letters patent appointing Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, Robert Hylle, John Cokayn, William Cheyne, John Bartone, senior, and John Martyn, or any five, four, three, or two (the Mayor being one), to be commissioners to try cases of treason, rebellion, &c., arising in the City. Witness the King at Calais, 16 Sept., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

¹ Writs to similar effect and dated 3 Oct. are printed in Rymer (ix. 402).

² This proclamation is in English, and is printed in 'Memorials,' p. 635. It was probably issued towards the end of August, 1416. The Sunday mentioned was most likely the 30th Aug., inasmuch as we know the King to have been at Canterbury on the 27th

and at Dover on the 31st, whence he set sail for Calais on the 4th Sept. (Rymer, ix. 384, 385).

³ The scribe has written *tam in aquitatura quam in equitatura*, but the more correct reading is doubtless *tam in armatura quam in equitatura* (or *equitura*), as printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' ix. 375-6.

Inquisition thereupon taken at Neugate on Monday before the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.] before the aforesaid Justices, by oath of Robert Queldryk,¹ John Godeman, John Bekke, John Bealamy, Gilbert Page, Thomas Nortone, John Trumme, John Hurlok, William Walsale, Geoffrey Banham, John Lecche, Richard Stanes, John Trumpyngtone, and Richard Hatfeld, who find that Benedict Wolman of London, hosteler, late under-marshal of the Marshalsea of the King's Household, and John Bekeryng of Bekeryng,² co. Lincoln, gentleman, did, on the 18th April, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], in the parish of St. Dunstan West in Fletestrete, in the Ward of Farndone, conspire to bring Thomas Warde, otherwise called Trumpyngtone, whom they declared to be the late King Richard II., from Scotland into England, with the view of placing him on the throne, and did petition the Emperor Sigismund to assist them in the undertaking; but the said Emperor had made known their design to King Henry, &c.

Fos. clxxx b-
clxxxi b.

*Judicium et
indictamen-
tum diversor'
proditor'.*

The said jurors further find that William Cratfeld, late rector of the church of Wortham, co. Norf., and Thomas Tepyrtone, late of London, "hosyer," did, on the 28th May, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], rob William Boton[er] of London, "goldsmyth," of a sum of money, and that they are notorious highway robbers and murderers.

The aforesaid Benedict and John Bekeryng, being arrested and brought before the Justices upon the aforesaid presentment, claimed a jury. Precept was accordingly issued to the Sheriffs to summon 24 good men to attend before the Justices at Neugate Gaol on the Feast of St. Michael next [29 Sept.]. A special day was given to John Bekeryng, namely, the morrow of St. Martin [11 Nov.], but before that day arrived he had died a natural death in prison.

On the aforesaid day of St. Michael came the said Benedict and likewise a jury, viz., John Fulthorpe, John Wrytelle, William Balle, John Haddone, Bartholomew Wynter, William Gynore, Robert Athelard, Richard Surby, John Blakey, Richard

¹ "Erneldryk" (Riley). A great part of the proceedings are set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 638-41.

² Bickering, a hamlet in the parish of Holton.

Walworth, John Wykes, and Richard Straugham, who find the prisoner guilty. He is thereupon adjudged to be hanged at Tyburne, and his head to be set up on London Bridge called "le Drawebrygge."

A further precept to the Sheriffs to take the aforesaid William Cratfeld and Thomas Tepyrtone if found within their bailiwick. They disappear, however, and after being called at five separate Hustings are outlawed according to custom.¹

Fo. clxxxi b.

Pleas of the Crown held at the aforesaid gaol before Nicholas Wottone, John Cokayn, William Cheyne, and John Bartone, senior, Justices assigned by the lord the King, on Monday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416]:—

Indictamentum et iudicium Willi Parchemyner pro Joh'e Oldecastelle etc.

Inquisition taken by the oath of Robert Queldryk and other jurors aforesaid, who find that on the 19th October, 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413], William Parchemyner, otherwise called William Fyssher of London, "parchemyner," together with others whose names are unknown, did break into the Tower and carry off John Oldecastell to his own dwelling-house, and there harbour him until Wednesday after the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.] next ensuing; that thence they proceeded to a certain great field in the parish of St. Giles without the Bar of the Old Temple to carry out their nefarious design against the King.²

Upon this presentment the said William Parchemyner was arrested and brought before the aforesaid Justices. He declared himself not guilty and claimed a jury. Thereupon precept was issued to the Sheriffs to summon a jury of twenty-four to appear on Thursday [*sic*] the 7th [Oct.].³ On that day a jury, viz., Richard Straugham, Richard Rowdone, Simon Mayhewe, Richard Walworth, John Shirlok, John Westyerd, John Parker, John Russell, Peter Torarld, Robert Halle, Robert Athelard, and John Fulthorpe, find the said William to be guilty of the treason aforesaid. He was therefore adjudged to be hanged at Tybourn, &c.⁴

¹ See 'Liber Albus,' i. 190.

² *Vide supra*, p. 123, note 2.

³ The jury presentment having been made on Monday after Michael-

mas Day, otherwise Monday the 5th Oct., 1416, the 7th October would fall on Wednesday.

⁴ 'Memorials,' pp. 641-3.

Pleas of the Crown held at the Guildhall before the aforesaid Nicholas Wottone and John Bartone, senior, Justices assigned by the King, on Monday before the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416]:—

Inquisition taken before Robert Queldryk and other jurors aforesaid, who find that William Spicer of Gravesende, co. Kent, “boteman,” did on the 9th Dec., 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], rob the wife of Richard Ewayn, “shether,” of divers goods, comprising a gown of green woollen cloth furred with “popyll.”¹ Thereupon precept was issued to the Sheriffs to take the said William if found within their bailiwick; but he disappears and is called at three several Hustings. Before he can again be called the Sheriffs receive the King’s writ informing them that the said William is detained in the Marshalsea, and ordering them to produce him at Westminster on a certain day.

Fo. clxxxii.

Indictamentum et iudicium Will'i Spicer Boteman.

10 March, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17], the guardianship of Robert and Elizabeth, children of Henry Wodewey, late skinner, together with divers goods and chattels, comprising (*inter alia*) a beaker of silver with the inscription *Benedictus deus in donis suis*, four plain pieces of silver, a dozen silver spoons weighing in all 64 oz., a basin and ewer, a dozen vessels of pewter (*stannei*), a bed of tapestry with three curtains and ceiler (*cellura*) of “carde,”² a “materas,” two “canevas,” a “quilt,” and a “bolster”—committed by Henry Bartone, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Hill, the Chamberlain, to Nicholas Tunwell, grocer, who married the mother-in-law (*matrem in lege*) of the said orphans. Sureties, viz., John Coventre, mercer, and Robert Wydyngtone, grocer.³

Fo. clxxxii b.

Custodia Rob'ti et Elizabeth pueror' Henrici Wodewey nup' civis et pellipar' London'.

Tuesday the Feast of Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], in the presence of Nicholas Wottone, the Mayor, John Bartone, the Recorder, Sir Wiillam [Harewdon], the Prior of Christchurch, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knolles,

Fo. clxxxiii.

Eleccio Maioris.

¹ Fur of the back of the squirrel in spring.

² An inferior kind of silk, Lat. *carduus*. A chasuble of cloth of gold lined with “bleu carde” is mentioned

in a will of 1631. ‘Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting,’ ii. 37.

³ Fresh sureties were appointed later on. *Vide infra*, fo. cclxii b.

Richard Merlawe, Robert Chicheleghe, William Walderne, William Crowemere, Thomas Fauconer, Henry Bartone, William Sevenok, William Louthe, William Nortone, John "Peme" (Penne), Thomas Pyke, Thomas Aleyn, John Gedney, John Reinwell, William Caumbrigge, Alan Everard, and Ralph Bartone, Aldermen, and also the Sheriffs,¹ and an immense Commonalty summoned for the election of a Mayor, Henry Barton was elected Mayor for the year ensuing. Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], he was sworn in the Guildhall, and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer.²

*Exoneracio
Joh'is Clerk
civis et allu-
tar' London'.*

11 Nov., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], John "Clerc," cordwainer, discharged by Henry Barton, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Rad'i Bulley
civis et pelli-
par' London'.*

The same day, Ralph Bulley, skinner, was similarly discharged for like cause.

*Br'e d'ni
Regis...pro
delib'acione
prisonum
existent' in
Gaola de Neu-
gate.*

Letters patent appointing Henry Bartone, the Mayor, William Hankford, Richard Nortone, William Lasynby, Robert Thirwhit, Robert Hulle, John Cokayn, Roger Hortone, William Lodyngtone, William Cheyne, John Prestone, and John Bartone, senior, or any eleven, ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, or two (the Mayor being one), to be Justices for gaol-delivery of Neugate. Witness the King at Westminster, 6 Nov., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

Fos. clxxxiii-
clxxxv b.

A general proclamation made by the newly elected Mayor for the government of the City, for keeping the peace, cleaning the streets, and regulating the sale of corn, wine, fish, poultry, &c. [No date.]

Fo. clxxxv b.

14 Nov., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], ordinance by the Mayor and Aldermen that thenceforth when any sea fish called "whityng "

¹ The Sheriffs at the time were Alan Everard and William Cambridge.

² *Nota bene*:—This election of Henry Barton is the first entry made in the 'Journals' of the City—a series of volumes recording the proceedings

of the Court of Aldermen as well as the Common Council down to 1495, in which year the proceedings of the first-mentioned Court began to be recorded in a separate series of volumes known as 'Repertories.'

or other fish arrived on vessels at any City port or quay, the Mayor for the time being and the owner of the fish shall agree as to the price at which the fish shall be sold. To this ordinance six Masters of the Mistery of Fishmongers of the one street and the other (*unius vici et alterius*¹) gave their adhesion.

The same day it was ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen that all rushes (*sirpi*) brought to the City in boats for sale should be sold by bundles² (*per onera*), which bundles should be made up on board the vessels and not on the banks of the Thames under heavy penalty.

It was also decreed that geese thenceforth should be sold in the Poultry and elsewhere entire, with heads, feet, and intestines, under penalty.³

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation that the King had graciously extended the time within which those who wished to avail themselves of his pardon granted in the Parliament held at Westminster in the second year of his reign⁴ might ask for their charters, viz., from Easter last until the quinzaine of St. Michael next. Witness the King at Westminster, 16 Nov., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

*Proclamacio
fact' fuit xviii
die Nov'.*

24 Nov., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], the guardianship of Matilda, Edward, Richard, Agnes, Isabella, and John, children of William Wynter, late brewer, committed by Henry Barton, the Mayor, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to Thomas Podmore, "ismongere," who had married Isabella, widow of the said William. Sureties, viz., Richard Whityngtone, mercer, and Peter Stanes, vintner.

Fo. clxxxvi.
*Custodia
pueror' Will'i
Wynter mup'
civis et Brewwer
London'.*

Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs forbidding them to place on any inquests Robert Cotone, one of the Collectors of the King's Petty Custom in the Port of London, as he was fully occupied on the King's business. Witness W[illiam] Lasynghby at Westminster, 28 Oct., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

*Exon'acio
Rob'ti Cotone
ab assisis.*

¹ Referring to Old Fish Street and Bridge Street or New Fish Street.

² By cartloads (Riley). 'Memorials,' p. 643.

³ 'Memorials,' p. 644.

⁴ Cf. *supra*, p. 132.

*Proclam' facta
fuit xxv die
Marci.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all the Irish in England to return to their native land, pursuant to the statute made thereon, and forbidding the employment of any Irish in England, inasmuch as Ireland was in a state of rebellion. Witness the King at Westminster, 22 March, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17].

Fo. clxxxvi b.
*Recognicio
Joh'is Bacon
wolman et
Joh'is Spencer
draper civium
London'.*

10 Sept., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], came John Bacon, "wolman," and John Spencer, draper, and acknowledged themselves bound to John Hille, the Chamberlain, in the sum of £28, to be paid at Christmas next, unless Richard, son of William Wight, late "stokfissmonger," an apprentice of the said John Bacon, should come before the Mayor and Aldermen or the Chamberlain for the time being and give an acquittance for his patrimony.

*Dun x^{me} et
une xv^{me}
grauntez sur
les layes.*

Letters patent exemplifying an ordinance made in the last Parliament assuring the repayment of a loan made to the King on the security of a subsidy.¹ Witness the King at Westminster, 8 Dec., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

Fo. clxxxvii.
*L're pur estre
contributorie
as taxes etc.*

Form of precept for every freeman to bring to the Guildhall his quota towards the sum of 10,000 marks lent to the King.² Dated 7 Jan., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17].

*Custodia Joh'is
unius pueror'
Joh'is [sic]
Twysford nup'
civis et cultell'
London'.*

15 Jan., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17], the guardianship of John, one of the children of Richard³ Twysford, late cutler, committed by Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to William Graunger, cutler. Sureties, viz., Thomas May and John Waryn, vintners.

Fo. clxxxvii b.
*£xl delib'at'
Joh'i Hille
Cam'ar'
pertin' pueris
Othonis Bris
nup' Servient'
Maior'.*

18 Sept., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], came James Bynde, mercer, James Idecombe, brewer, and William Brook, tailor, executors of Otho Brys, late one of the Mayor's Serjeants, and paid to John Hille, the Chamberlain, the sum of £40, to be divided between Margery and Margaret, daughters of the said Otho, on their coming to the age of discretion or on their marriage.

*Inprisonam'
Rob'ti Cristen-
dom pro scan-
dalousis verb'
dict' sup' Tho-
mam Fauconer
Alderm' etc.*

Saturday the morrow of St. Vincent [22 Jan.], 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17], Robert Cristendom, draper, charged before Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and Aldermen with having on several occasions accused Thomas Fauconer, Alderman and

¹ 'Rot. Parl.' iv. 95.

² Cf. *supra*, pp. 142, 144, 158.

³ So corrected in the text but not in margin.

sometime Mayor, with having during his Mayoralty caused a false record to be entered against the said Robert in a matter of account between him and Alice Kelseye. The said Robert not only confessed the truth of the charge, but repeated the accusation, and was therefore committed to Neugate for a year and a day.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], at the urgent request of the entire Mistery of Drapers, and the intervention of the said Thomas Fauconer, his punishment was changed to a fine of £40, which was eventually remitted.

Letter from Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and John Bartone, the Recorder, to Richard [Clifford], Bishop of London, presenting Walter Pacy, priest, for admission to the chantry founded in the church of St. Swithun for the souls of Roger Depham and others, in the room of John Apres,¹ lately removed for neglecting his duties therein. Dated under the seals of the Mayoralty and the Recorder, 30 Jan., A.D. 1416-[17].

Fo. clxxxviii.
*Presentacio
d'ni Walteri
Pacyadcantar'
in eccl'ia S'ci
Swithuni
fundat' ib'm
pro a'ia Rog'i
Depham
quondam
Recordat' etc.*

5 Feb., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17], John Persoun, "chaundeller," discharged by Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Persoun
civis et candel-
lar' London'.*

The same day Robert Chesterford, cordwainer, was similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Rob'ti Chest'-
ford civis et
allutar' Lon-
don'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs and Wardens of passage in the Port of London to make proclamation for all seamen and ships who were bound for the King's voyage towards France to hasten to Southampton.² Witness the King at Westminster, 5 April, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417].

*Proclam' facta
fuit xii die
Aprilis.*

¹ Appointed in Aug., 1414. *Vide supra*, p. 129.

² The general truce that, after much negotiation, had been con-

cluded at Calais had ended on the 2nd Feb., and a renewal of the war was inevitable in the spring of 1417.

Fo. clxxxviii b.

*Custodia
Rob'ti filii
Walteri Colshill
nuper civis
et groceri
London'.*

19 Feb., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17], the guardianship of Robert, son of Walter Colshill, late grocer, committed by Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to John Bacoun, grocer, one of the executors of the said Walter. Sureties, viz., Thomas Knolles, senior, William Olyver, John Wellys, and Thomas Selove, grocers.

Writ to Admirals, Custom officers, Mayors, Sheriffs, &c., notifying that the King had empowered Henry Bartone, the Mayor, to purchase corn, &c., for victualling and equipping (*stuffura*) the ships without hindrance by the King's Purveyors or other officers. Witness the King at Westminster, 3 March, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17].

Four similar letters were made for Henry Bartone aforesaid at that time.

*Exon acio
Curie de vi-
sinti li pertin'
Margerie uni
filiar' Othonis
Brys.*

6 April, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], came Thomas Osbarn, skinner, who married Margery, one of the daughters of Otho Brys, late one of the Mayor's Serjeants, and acknowledged satisfaction for his wife's property received from John Hille, the Chamberlain.

Fo. clxxxix.

*Magr'i div'-
sor' misterar'
jur' per totum
annum istum.*

Masters of Misteries sworn.

Pynners: Richard Maidstone, Laurence Gurlewyn, William Brembill sworn 3 Nov., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

Hornners: John Corby, Richard Taillour sworn the same day.

Blacsmaythes: Stephen Symond, John Roys, William Boyt sworn 5 Nov., the same year.

Talwechaundellers: Henry Mersch, Andrew Croweste, Thomas atte Wode sworn 14 Nov., the same year.

Weavers: Peter Pawlard of Brabant, Gerard Kempe of Flanders sworn 20 Nov., the same year.

Weavers of England: Geoffrey Byxley, John Thorpe sworn 21 Nov., the same year.

Masons (Lathami): William West, John Crokstone sworn 1 Dec., the same year.

Curreours: John Tollyngtone, William Busche sworn the same day; and John Mowere sworn Assayer of leather the same day.

Cooks: John Fouler, Thomas Radclyff, Thomas Broun, Gilbert Page sworn 2 Dec., the same year.

Bowyers: Nicholas Frost, Robert Crulle sworn 3 Dec., the same year.

Fullers: Robert Culmer, Ralph Shlapley sworn 14 Dec., the same year.

Scriveners, Limners and Stacioners: Thomas Bowlond, John Asshe sworn 11 June, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417].

Lethersellers: John Marchall, John Chesterford sworn 1 June, the same year.

Lorymers: John Belverge, Thomas Kyng, John Parys sworn 6 July, the same year.

Shermen: Robert Caperoun, Ralph Budlee, William Pertre, Richard Jescok sworn 19 July, the same year.

Plasterers (Sementarii): Henry Bostone, William Massam sworn 23 July, the same year.

Linen Weavers: John Staunforthe, William George sworn 24 July, the same year.

Dyers: John Cook, William Frensshe, Thomas Derby, William Hokere sworn 5 Aug., the same year.

Haberdasshers: Henry Broun, John Olyver, John Routhe, Fo. clxxxix b. John Shelard sworn 19 Aug., the same year.

Bladsmaythes: Richard Elyot, Walter Smyth sworn 31 Aug., the same year.

Barbers: Richard Wellys, John Queldryk, William Chapeley sworn 6 Sept., the same year.

Barber-Surgeons: John Child, John Parker sworn 9 Sept., the same year.

Shethers: William Gilbert, Thomas Silkerke sworn 22 Sept., the same year.

Latoners: William Costantyne, Roger Mabbe sworn 14 Oct., the same year.

Foundours: Walter Adam, John Adam sworn 18 Oct., the same year.

Powchemakers and Galochemakers: Thomas Cok of Candelwykstrete, Walter Walter [*sic*], John Frenssh, Thomas Cok in Themestret sworn 25 Oct., the same year.

Masons (Latham): Richard Grove, William Fynch sworn 6 July, 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418].

Limners and Scriveners: John Bynley, John Roulong sworn 12 July, the same year.

Lorymers: John Brygger, John Reynold, John Medherst sworn the same day.

Lynnenwevers: Ralph Bucherd, William Fych sworn 27 July, the same year.

Joynours: William Wytman, John Boylot sworn 27 July, the same year.

Shermen: John Turnour, William Gylam, Richard Dentone sworn 3 Aug., the same year.

Dyers: John Wylly, Robert Frankeleyn, William Essex, John Sabyn sworn 11 Aug., the same year.

*De providendo
victualia pro
dimidio anno.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all knights, esquires, and others who were bound for the expedition to France¹ to provide themselves with victuals for half a year, and attend the muster² at the time and place appointed, according to their indentures. Witness the King at Westminster, 25 Feb., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17].

Fo. exc.,
*Judicium
pilorie Will'i
Redhed de
Barnette.*

Record of proceedings before Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen in the Guildhall, on Tuesday the 16th February, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17], against William Redhede of Barnette on a charge of falsely pretending to be one of the King's Purveyors. A jury, viz., John Jurdone, Richard Jynne, John Bagworth, John de Ware, Thomas Laye, Richard Coke, John Champeney, Stephen Symond, John Tristour, William Byncote, Thomas Rycher, and Thomas Merlowe, find him guilty, and he is condemned to stand on the pillory at Cornhill for one hour on three market days, &c.³

Fo. exc b.
*L're d ni Regis
pro bladis in
Angliam
ordinandis.*

Letter from the King to Michael Rochemeister, Master General of the Order of Teutonics, praying him to encourage the exportation of corn from Prussia into England, as the latter country was suffering from scarcity owing to heavy rains. Dated 2 March, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17].

¹ Cf. *supra*, p. 171.

² *Monstri sive monstracionis.*

³ 'Memorials,' pp. 645-6.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all masters and seamen of ships seized in the Port of London for the coming expedition to hasten to Southampton with their ships with all speed possible. Witness the King at Redyng, 11 May, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417].

*Proclamacio
facta fuit xiiii^o
die Maii.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all soldiers as well as masters and seamen of ships bound for the coming expedition to hasten forthwith to Southampton and to arrest all soldiers and seamen found within their bailiwick after one day from the date of proclamation. Witness the King at Beaulieu, 6 June, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417].

*Proclamacio
facta fuit viii^o
die Junii.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for those lords, knights, esquires, and others whom the King had commanded by letters of Privy Seal to certify by the 12th January last the number of men-at-arms and archers they could furnish, to appear before the King and his Council on the 14th February next for the purpose of making indentures and receiving their pay. Witness the King at Westminster, 1 Feb., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17].¹

*Proclamacio
facta fuit sexto
die Februarii.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to hold their Wardmotes and refer such matters as they found themselves unable to deal with to the General Court to be held before the Mayor at the Guildhall on Monday after the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.]; and further to elect Alekonners, "rakiers," constables, &c., and take steps for lighting and safeguarding the streets and houses. Dated 12 Dec., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

Fo. exci.
*Consimilis
l'ra missa fuit
cui't Alder-
manno.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to take steps to assess and levy in their Wards a sum equal to a fifteenth and a half, and to bring the money to the Guildhall by the 20th January next. Dated 24 Dec., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416].

*Consimilis
l'ra missa fuit
cui't Aldr'o.*

Herry by the grace of god Kyng of Ingelond and of Fraunce and Lord of Irlond hoteth and commaundeth that al maner of Knyghtes whych þat are of the Kynges retenue and bene withinne þe Cite of

*Proclam' fuit
ix^o die Feb-
ruar' anno H'
v^{ti} iii^o.*

¹ Printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' ix. 433-4.

*London draue hem to the Frere Prechours that they be there redy be thuo aftur none before þe Kynges counseille.*¹

Fo. cxcī b.

*De resolutione
et securitate
quinq' m^l
marcarum.*

Letters patent granting to the Mayor and Commonalty a moiety of the subsidy on wools, woolfells, &c., in repayment of a loan of 5,000 marks made by the City to the King to assist him against France. Witness the King at Westminster, 3 March, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17].

*Exon'acio
Henrici Wot-
tone civis et
Blaksmyth.
London'.*

5 April, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], Henry Wottone, "blak-smyth," discharged by Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fos. cxcii-
cxcii b.

*Ordinacio de
Cappers et
hururs.*

16 March, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17], complaint made to Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen by Robert Warner, John Bokele, Adam Buk, and Roger Wodecok, the Masters, and good men of the Mistery of Hatters, and by William Sewale, John Chambre, John Corby, and John Langele, the Masters, and good men of the Mistery of Haberdasshers, against the Masters and Wardens of the Mistery of Cappers for having seized 15 "longe cappes" belonging to James Bowyer, haberdasher. They pray that the matter may be inquired into, so that if the caps prove to be defective they may be burnt and the said owner punished, and if they prove to be good they may be restored to him.

Thereupon the Masters and Wardens appeared by summons on the 18th March, and being questioned as to the cause of the seizure said that the caps had been fulled under human feet, and that fulling by feet or by mill was forbidden under penalty of forfeiture, as appears by ordinance *temp.* William Askham, Mayor, recorded *supra*, fo. xxix, and here recited, and they prayed that the caps they had seized might be declared forfeited, one half of the forfeiture to be to the use of the City's Chamber, and the other to the use of the Mistery of Cappers.

On the other hand, the Masters and good men of the Misteries of Hatters and Haberdashers, who were present, declared that

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 645, where the editor has misread *thus* for *thuo* (i.e., two, denoting the hour). Cf. *supra*, p. 152, "be tweyne aftir none."

the above ordinance was not for the public good, inasmuch as "cappes, hures and hattes," both in England and abroad, were fulled both by mills and by foot at less cost, and equally as well as those fulled by hand. They further said that this ordinance was bad because the right of search touching false "cappes, hures or hattes" was of old with men of the Mistery of Hatters and Haberdashers as well as of the Mistery of Cappers. They therefore prayed that this new ordinance might be annulled and the old system observed.

After due consideration it was decreed that the ordinance should be annulled, and that in future the examination of caps, &c., should be made by men of both misteries.

24 April, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], John Swetenham, tailor, discharged from serving on juries, &c., by the Mayor and Aldermen owing to increasing old age.

Fo. exciii.

*Exon'acio
Johannis Swe-
tenham civis
et Cissoris
London'.*

22 May, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], came Thomas Knolles, junior, and delivered to John Hille, the Chamberlain, the money he had received in trust for William, son of John Drewe.¹

23 March, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17], came John Sudbury, grocer, and Richard Osbarn, executors of Robert Odyham,² late grocer, and delivered to John Hille, the Chamberlain, the sum of £30 arising out of the sale of certain lands and tenements in the county of Kent, to the use of Elizabeth, daughter of the said Robert, who was married to John Poley, grocer.

The same day came the above executors and delivered a similar sum to the Chamberlain for John, a son of the above Robert; and on the 29th March the sum of £60 to the use of Robert and Thomas, other sons of the same.

Letter from Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to Richard [Clifford], Bishop of London, presenting John Newendene, chaplain, for admission to one of the chantries founded by Adam Fraunceys and Henry Frowyk

*Presentac' d'ni
Joh'is Newen-
dene ad unam
v. cantar' in
Capell' Gui-
hald'.*

¹ *Supra*, p. 126.

² His will proved and enrolled in | the Husting in 1415. 'Calendar
of Wills,' ii. 407-8.

in the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary near the Guildhall, rendered vacant by the death of Sir John Mounfort *alias* Burbrigge. Dated 28 July, A.D. 1417.

11 July, 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], came John Poley, and received from John Hille, the Chamberlain, the sum of £30 belonging to Elizabeth his wife.

Fo. cxciij b. A Common Council held on the 20th April, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], in the presence of Henry Bartone, the Mayor, John Bartone, the Recorder, Richard Merlawe, Robert Chichele, William Crowmer, Thomas Fauconer, Nicholas Wottone, William Louthe, William Nortone, William Chichele, John Penne, William Sevenok, John Michel, Thomas Pyke, Thomas Aleyn, Alan Everard, William Cambrigge, John Reinwell, Ralph Bartone, and John Perneys, Aldermen, John Coventre, one of the Sheriffs, and an immense multitude of Commoners of the City:—

*Ordenaunce
pur remover
les estuies.* An ordinance passed that thenceforth no man nor woman should keep any stews in the City or suburbs for lodging therein any men or women by day or night, under penalty of paying £20 to the Chamber and a fine at the discretion of the Mayor and Aldermen. Provided always that every one in the City for his own cleanliness (*pur soun honeste de mesne*) may make a stew¹ for the use of himself and his household.

*Ordenaunce
de rien prendre
pur wharfage.* A further ordinance forbidding those who have acquired possession of wharves and stairs on the bank of the Thames to extort money from those who desire to draw water, wash clothes, &c.

Fo. cxciij.¹ Also an ordinance to the effect that no Alderman, Commoner, or other person whatsoever shall thenceforth receive as a tenant any man or woman known to be living a vicious life, under penalty prescribed.

¹ A hot bath-room. The stews or bagnios in ancient Rome being used for vicious purposes, the name came to be applied to houses of ill fame

The same day John Courteney, of Aynesford, co. Kent, gentleman, was elected and admitted to the office of Common Hunt of the City by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council in place of Nicholas Brincheslee, Esquire.¹

*Joh'es Court-
nay elect' in
comunem
venatorem.*

The same day it was granted by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, at the cordial and diligent instance of John Carpenter,² that John Marchaunt, for the good and laudable service which hitherto and of long time in the office of Common Clerk³ of the said City he hath faithfully exercised and occupied, shall have and hold for the term of his life to him and his assigns a mansion which he inhabits, situate above the middle gate at the entrance to the Guildhall of the said City, between the tenement of Thomas Wottone on the east part and the churchyard of the church of St. Lawrence on the west part, without rendering anything for the same. And further, at the instance and by consent of the said John Carpenter,⁴ it was then and there granted by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, that the said John Marchaunt shall have and receive yearly during his life, at the four principal terms of the year and customary in the City of London, from the Commonalty of the said City, by the hands of the Chamberlain for the time being, £10 sterling appertaining to the office and ancient fee of Common Clerk of the said City. And that John Carpenter, his clerk, who was then and there elected and admitted to the said office, shall have and receive yearly from the aforesaid Commonalty the rewards and robes as well as

*Fo. cxciv b.
Feodum decem
lib' concess'
Joh'i Mar-
chaunt ad ter-
minum vite.*

¹ All the above proceedings of the Common Council of the 20th April, 1417, are set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 647-51.

² Thus far, the entry has been rewritten over an erasure, probably by direction of John Carpenter himself.

³ John Marchant was admitted and sworn "Clerk of the Chamber" in 1380 ('Cal. Letter-Book H.,' p. 163). He indirectly aided the rebels under

Wat Tyler, by furnishing John Horne, the traitor Alderman, with a Royal Standard, under cover of which he rode out, as one having authority, to Blackheath to assure the rebels of a welcome in the City. The date of his appointment as Common Clerk (or Town Clerk) of the City is not recorded.

⁴ This again appears to be an interpolation by John Carpenter.

other fees, commodities, and profits whatsoever to the said office in any way belonging and appertaining, together with the fee of £10 aforesaid after the death, whenever it shall happen, of the said John Marchaunt, &c. And the said John Carpenter then and there, in the full Council aforesaid, granted that during the lifetime of the said John Marchaunt he would not demand or cause to be demanded any of the said fee of £10 to the said office appertaining.

Fos. exciv b—
exciv b.

Record and process taken according to the custom of the City between Thomas Fauconer, Alderman, and late Mayor of the City, and John Russell, “wolpakker,” for divers scandals affecting the personal and judicial character of the said Alderman, for that the said John Russell had spread a report in July, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416], that the said Thomas Fauconer had caused Richard Gurmyn,¹ a baker, to be burnt as a heretic together with letters patent of pardon which the King had granted him, with the result that the said Thomas Fauconer had been committed to the Tower and fined £1,000. Thereupon the said Thomas sought redress. The 30th July being appointed for all parties to appear, and the said John Russell having made default, he was found guilty by a jury, viz., William Olyver, William Burtone, William Michell, John Waltham, John Shawe, John Wellys, John Cosham, John “of Water,” William Foucher, Bartholomew Deknen, John Esgastone, and William Grantham—and condemned to stand in the pillory.

Afterwards the said John Russell took sanctuary at St. Peter’s, Westminster, and remained there until the 26th April, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], when he surrendered himself and made humble confession in the English tongue as set forth.²

¹ There was a baker named “Gurmyn” burnt for heresy in 1415, and probably in the same fire as John Claydon, a skinner, but his Christian name is given in the Pipe Rolls as *George* (see Tyler’s ‘Memoirs of Henry V.,’ ii. 394). On the other hand, it is recorded elsewhere (Cotton MS., 1 Julius, B. II., fo. 65 b) that

the fellow-sufferer with Claydon was *Richard Baker*, of Lombard Street (Kingsford’s ‘Chronicles,’ pp. 69-70). Gregory (‘Chron.,’ p. 108) records the baker’s name as Richard “Turmyn,” and so does Foxe (‘Acts and Monuments,’ iii. 351, 375, 531).

² The whole of the proceedings (with the exception of the names of

18 June, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], Martin Godard, cutler, discharged by Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. cxcvi.
*Exon'acio
Martini Go-
dard civis et
cullellar' Lon-
don'.*

23 March, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1415-16], James Bowyer, haberdasher, charged before the Mayor and Aldermen by Thomas atte Wode and his fellow Masters and Surveyors of the mystery of Cappers with selling 15 false caps. Thereupon precept to John Charleton, one of the Serjeants-at-mace (*unum servientum ad clavam*) of the Chamber, to summon the said James to appear before the Mayor and Aldermen on the 5th April to answer the charge. Both parties demand a jury, and, after consulting both the old and the new ordinances as to procedure, the Mayor and Aldermen order the aforesaid Serjeant to summon twelve good men as well of the mystery of Cappers as of the Haberdashers, and of other merchants who sell caps, to examine the caps in question. The jurors find two of the caps to be false and the rest good. Thereupon the said false caps were condemned to be burnt in Chepe, and the said James was fined 20s., pursuant to an ordinance enrolled in the Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 36 Edward III. [A.D. 1361-2].¹

*Judicium de
falsis cappis
comburendis.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to keep an armed watch in their Wards during the two nights and eves of St. John Baptist [24 June] and SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], according to ancient custom; and further to take the usual precautions against fire. Dated 17 June, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417].

Fo. cxcvi b.
*Consi'les bille
pro tax' [sic]
misse fuerunt
cuilibet Aldr'o.*

25 July, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], Richard Chapman, "upholder," discharged by Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Ric'i Chap-
man civis et
Upholder Lon-
don'.*

31 July, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], Henry Ewell, cordwainer, similarly discharged on account of deafness and other infirmities.

*Exon'acio
Henrici Ewell
civis et Allutar
London'.*

the jurors, here supplied) are set out in Riley's 'Memorials,' pp. 630-33; but the editor, strangely enough,

misreads the name of the heretic as "Surmyn."

¹ Hust. Roll No. lxxxiv.

*Exon'acio
Thome Grace
civis et Coper-
smyth London.*

16 Oct., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], Thomas Grace, "coper-smyth," similarly discharged for like cause.

Fo. cxcvii.
*De custod'
Joh'is fil'
Rob'ti Odyham.*

22 July [A.D. 1417], the guardianship of John, son of Robert Odyham, together with the sum of £30, committed by Henry Bartone, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Hille, the Chamberlain—with the assent of John Sudbury and Richard Osborn, executors, and of Johanna, mother of the said orphan¹—to Henry Purchase, grocer, with whom the said orphan had been placed as an apprentice. Sureties, viz., William Sevenoke and John Maldone, grocers, and Richard Stowell, "wodemonger."

*Custodia Joh'is
flii Will'i
Wirhale nup'
civis et Wire-
drawer Lon-
don'.*

3 July, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], the guardianship of John, son of William de Wirhale, late "wiredrawer," together with his patrimony and household goods, committed by Henry Bartone, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to Johanna his mother. Sureties, viz., William Walderne and Thomas Clenhand, mercers.

Fo. cxcvii b.
*Consimilis
l'ra missa
fuit cuilibet
Aldermannno.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to keep an armed watch by night in their Wards until the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.] next ensuing, ready at all times to oppose the King's enemies and preserve the peace of the City; and further to take the usual precautions against fire. Dated 24 July [A.D. 1417].

*Bille misse
divers' mister'
pro conserva-
cione pacis.*

Precept by the Mayor and Aldermen on the King's behalf to the Masters and Wardens of the several Misteries that they take measures to prevent riot and disturbance among their servants and apprentices, and make return of the names of those they may find disobedient. [No date.]

*L'ra missa
d'no Regi.*

Letter from the Mayor, &c, to the King desiring to hear news of his welfare, and assuring him of the peaceful state of the City. Dated 4 July [A.D. 1417].

Fo. cxcviii.
*L'ra missa
d'no Regi.*

Another letter to the same effect and almost in identical terms. Dated as above.

¹ In the abstract of the will of Robert Odyham given in 'Calendar of Wills, Court of Husting, London'

(ii. 407-8), the editor has inadvertently mentioned Johanna as the *mother*, instead of *wife* of the testator.

Letter of Privy Seal from the King to the Mayor, charging him to cause absent Aldermen to return to the City and assist the Mayor in the government of the City and preservation of the peace. Dated at Westminster, 12 August [A.D. 1415?].¹

*L're d'ni
Regis de fa-
ciendo Aldr'os
convenire inf'a
civitatem.*

Letter from the Mayor to the absent Aldermen, charging them on the King's behalf to return to the City and take their part in its government. Dated 19 August [A.D. 1415?].

*L'ra missa
Aldr'o ut
veniat
London'.*

Another letter from the same to absent Aldermen, bidding them to return to the City and there reside. Dated as above.

Fo. excviii b.

*L'ra missa
Aldr'o ut sit
residens in
London'.*

20 Feb., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17], came Johanna, widow of William Triggelowe, of Cornwall, and John, son of the said William, to whom had been committed the custody of lands and tenements belonging to John, son of John Clophille, in the parish of St. Botolph without Aldersgate, and rendered account before John Penne and Ralph Bartone, Aldermen, John Middeltone and William Turnell, Commoners, auditors appointed by Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen.

*De custodia
terrar' et ten'
Joh'is fil' et
her' Joh'is
Clophille.*

Letter from the King to the Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen, &c., of the City announcing the surrender of the castle of Touque,² and desiring them to send him news from time to time by "komerys bethwene."³ Dated at the said castle, 9 August [A.D. 1417].

Fo. excix.

*L'ra d'ni
Regis
Maiori et
Aldr'is missa.*

¹ The letter is printed in Rymer's 'Foedera' (ix. 306-7) under this date. It is also set out (in English) in Riley's 'Memorials' (pp. 654-5), but the editor ascribes both this letter and the two letters to the Aldermen which immediately follow to the year 1417. It is to be noted that in 1415 the King had set sail for France on the 11th Aug., and in 1417 he landed for the second time in Normandy on the 1st Aug. See Kingsford's 'Henry V.,' pp. 127, 213.

² Touques, a small fortified place not far from the modern Trouville, surrendered, after a brief siege, on the 9th Aug., 1417.

³ The first word puzzled the editor of the 'Memorials,' who prints the letter in full (p. 654). He suggests "komerys" to mean "comrades," whereas it plainly means no more than "comers." In the letters addressed by the City to the King on the 4th July (*supra*) the civic authorities ask for news "par les enter-venauntz," *i.e.*, by means of comers between. The word has been correctly interpreted in the copy of the letter printed by the Rev. J. Endell Tyler in his 'Memoirs of Henry the Fifth' (ii. 215). This letter as well as the reply are set out by Jules Delpit, *op. cit.*, pp. 219-20.

*Responsio
eiusdem.*

Reply to the above under the Mayoralty Seal, testifying to the joy with which the news conveyed therein had been received in the City, and assuring the King that it had remained in a state of tranquillity. Dated 28 August [A.D. 1417].

*Exon'acio
David Litle
civis et Cis-
soris London'.*

6 Sept., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], David Litle, tailor, discharged by Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, owing to increasing old age.

Fo. excix b.

*Exon'acio
Will'i Godes-
ball civis et
Pynnere
London'.*

The same day William Godesball, "pynnere," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Que les sur-
veyours des
lazars soyent
dischargez des
enquestes et
somonces.*

A writing under the seal of the Mayoralty discharging Robert Mildenhale, "pelter," and John Wassborn, mercer, Guardians and Surveyors of the lepers at St. Giles's, "les Lokes," and Hakeney, from serving on inquests so long as they remain in office. Dated 1 Sept., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417].

*Presentacio
Will'i Spald-
yng in unam
Cantar'
Guyhald'.*

Letter from Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to Richard [Clifford], Bishop of London, presenting William Spaldyng, chaplain, for admission to one of the chantries founded by Adam Fraunceys and Henry Frowyk in the chapel of B.V. Mary near the Guildhall, vacant by the death of John Depham. Dated 8 Sept., A.D. 1417.

Fo. cc.

*De zonis
restauratis
quia bone sunt.*

8 Sept., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], certain girdles belonging to William Stikeneye, of London Bridge, which had been presented by John Nasyng, Walter Colred, William Penne, and Richard Michell, Wardens of the Mistery of Girdlers, to the Mayor and Aldermen as being harnessed with tin and other false and worthless metal, declared to be lawful as being harnessed with good and serviceable metal, viz., latten "tynglasse,"¹ and with but little tin intermixed.

*Exon'acio
Thome
Radclyf civis
et Pastler
London'.*

10 Sept., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], Thomas Radclyf, "pastler," discharged by Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

¹ *De auricalco tynglasse.* This | and not "tyngbasse," as read by the
appears to be the correct reading, | editor of the 'Memorials' (p. 656).

17 Aug., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], inquest held before "les Lymehostes" within the liberty and franchise of the City, before Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and the King's Escheator, as to the cause of the death of Thomas Franke, of Herewich, late steersman (*conductor*) or "lodysman" of a ship called "la Mary Knyght" of Danzsk in Prussia. A jury sworn, viz., John Baille, Matthew Holme, Robert Marle, Henry Mark, Alexander Bryan, John Goby, Richard Hervy, Walter Steel, Peter West, Richard Stowell, John Dyse, and Walter Broun. They find that the said Thomas Franke was killed by falling on the sharp end of an anchor.¹

*Inquisicio
capla sup'
litus Thomisie
apud
Lymhosteys
pro morte
Thome Frank.*

Letter from the King to the Mayor, &c., announcing the capture of the town of Caen and of the conditional surrender of its castle on the Feast of the Translation of St. Cuthbert [4 Sept.], "with right litell deth of oure peple." Dated at Caen, 5 Sept. [A.D. 1417].²

Fo. cc b.

*L'ra d'ni
Regis Maiori
et Aldr'is
miss'.*

Letter from the Duke of Clarence to the same, notifying the capture of the town of Caen and that the castle of Caen was to be surrendered by the 19th Sept. unless succoured by the King of France or his eldest son or the Count "Darmaignak,"³ the Constable of France. John Risby, the bearer, would further inform them of the names of other towns, castles, and fortresses which had surrendered. From so favourable a beginning it appeared to the writer that the King would soon gain his end and victory over his enemies and rebels. Nothing was wanting but people to inhabit and safeguard the towns and fortresses that had been taken. Dated at Caen, 11 Sept. [A.D. 1417]. *French*.⁴

*L'ra ducis
Clarence
miss' eisdem.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation to the effect that whereas in the last Parliament held at Westminster⁵ it was ordained that all merchant strangers should pay for subsidy 60s. on every sack of wool, 60s. on every 240 woolfells, and 106s. 8d. on every last of skins during the King's life, the King, perceiving

*Proclamacio
pro br'e de
custum' etc.*

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 655-6.

² 'Memorials,' p. 657. Set out by Jules Delpit, *op. cit.*, p. 220.

³ Bernard, Count of Armagnac, whose daughter was married to Charles of Orleans.

⁴ Set out by Jules Delpit, *op. cit.*, pp. 220-21.

⁵ Sat from 19 Oct. to 20 Nov., 1416.

that such a measure would prove detrimental to his subjects, now declared that all merchants in England might, for the next four years, pay such subsidy and custom on wool and other merchandise as they had been accustomed to pay before the passing of the above statute. Witness the King at Southampton, 17 July, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417].

Fo. cci.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Whit-
bred civis et
Sellar'
London'.*

27 Sept., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], John Whitbred, saddler, discharged by Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Mede
civis London'.*

2 Oct., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], John Mede similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is
"Bailly"
civis et
Pouchemaker
London'.*

12 Oct., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], John "Bayli," "pouche-maker," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Rob'ti Under-
wode civis et
Pheliparii
London'.*

20 Oct., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], Robert Underwode, skinner, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Will'i Hake-
ney civis et
Cissor's
London'.*

21 Oct., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], William Hakeneye, tailor, similarly discharged for like cause.

Fo. cci b.

*Ordinacio
Mistere de
Latoners.*

Saturday, 20 Sept., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], ordinance by Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, that the good men of the Mistery of Latoners may thenceforth elect two, three, or four Masters or Wardens to supervise those exercising the said mistery, and to present defective work to the Chamberlain for the time being, &c. Pursuant to which ordinance William Constantyn and Roger Mabbe were afterwards elected Masters or Wardens, and on the 14th October were presented and sworn.

*Judicium et
combustio
zonarum.*

20 Sept., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], came John Nasyng, Walter Colrede, William Penne, and Richard "Mochet,"¹ Masters of the Mistery of Girdlers, before Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and

¹ "Michell," *supra*, p. 184.

the Aldermen, and presented 47 girdles harnessed with tin (*stanno*) contrary to the ordinances,¹ belonging to Thomas Rouse, Andrew Hunt, Walter Holme, John Solere, Katherine Elingham, and Laurence Proude, and prayed that they might be burnt. Judgment accordingly.

Precept to the several Aldermen to cause a sum equal to half a fifteenth to be levied in their Wards, and to bring the money to the Guildhall on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.]. Dated 12 Oct., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417].

Writ to the Mayor and Aldermen that they take measures for the strict observance of the ordinance or agreement (*compositio*) made *temp.* Drew Barantyn, Mayor, prescribing the particular kind of work to be executed severally by Cordewaners and Cobelers,² and that they punish offenders in accordance with the terms of the said ordinance and the custom of the City. Witness the King at Westminster, 5 Feb., 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17].

Return made by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen to the above writ to the effect that by immemorial custom of the City the Mayor and Aldermen were in the habit of causing any ordinance affecting artificers in the City which proved to be prejudicial to the common good to cease to be observed.³

5 Aug., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], came William Devenish, John Elys, John Spencer, and John Cobbe, and others of the Mystery of Tailors, commonly called "yomen taillours," and prayed Henry Bartone, the Mayor, and Aldermen to be allowed to meet yearly on the Feast of the Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.] in the church of St. John of Jerusalem,⁴ near Smithefeld, to make offering for the brethren and sisters of the fraternity of "yomantaillours," and perform other rites (*alia rita*) hitherto accustomed. Thereupon the said Mayor and

Fo. ccii.

*Consi'tis l'ra
missa fuit
cuilibet
Aldermannno.*

*Br'e de con-
servaco'e
ordinaco'is
mister'
Allutarior'
et Cobelers.*

*Returnum
br'is predicti.*

Fo. ccii b.

*Confirmacio
ordinacionis
facte tempore
Thome Fau-
coner contra
fraternitatem
valettor'
Cissor' etc.*

¹ See 'Memorials,' pp. 154-6, and *supra*, p. 158. Cf. 'Rot. Parl.,' iv. 73.

² *Vide supra*, p. 74. 'Memorials,' pp. 571-4. The ordinance was

annulled by the Common Council in Jan., 1418. *Infra*, fo. ccix b.

³ *Vide infra*, fo. ccix b.

⁴ St. John's, Clerkenwell.

Aldermen, having first inspected a certain record touching the government of the said mistery and of the serving-men and valets of the same *temp.* Thomas Fauconer, Mayor, entered *supra*, fo. cli, and finding that the petition, which had the appearance of good-fellowship, would, if granted, lead to disturbance, as similar assemblies of the same mistery had done before—it was ordained that thenceforth the serving-men or journeymen should not presume to hold conventicles in the said church or elsewhere except in the presence of the Masters of the mistery, under penalty of fine and imprisonment; but that the aforesaid ordinance and other ordinances made for peace and quiet in the said mistery should remain in force.

Fo. cciii.

*Q'd Rector sc'i
Petri de Corn-
hulle in post'
iori et digniori
loco pro-
cessionis die
lune in ebdo^a
Pentecost'
fact' annuatim
incedat p'
omnib' aliis
Rectorib'
London'.*

27 May, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], ordinance by the Mayor and Aldermen that the Rector of the church of St. Peter, Cornhill, for the time being shall thenceforth take the place of honour (*i.e.*, the last place) in processions by the Rectors of the City on Whit Monday—a place that had been claimed from time to time by the Rectors of the several churches of St. Magnus the Martyr and St. Nicholas Coldabbey.¹

*Proclamacio
de victualib'
usq' villam de
Caen
traducend'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation that all who were willing to send victuals for the army at Caen² might do so without payment of custom, on their giving security as to the destination of the same. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, at Westminster, 18 Oct., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417].

Fo. cciii b.

19 Aug., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], ordinance by Henry Bartone, the Mayor, Thomas Knolles, Richard Merlawe, Robert Chichele,

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 651-3. The ordinance, as recorded in Journal 1, fo. 21 b, contains also a clause to the effect that the Masters of the Mistery of Fishmongers of the one street and the other (*i.e.*, Old Fish Street and Bridge Street or New Fish Street) and the Rectors of the churches of

St. Magnus and St. Nicholas (Coldabbey) shall see that the ordinance be observed. This at least appears to be the meaning of the clause, but it is difficult both to read and interpret.

² The town had fallen on the 4th Sept. *Vide supra*, p. 185.

Thomas Fauconer, William Louthe, John Penne, Alan Everard, Thomas Pyke, William Nortone, John Gedney, John Perneys, John Reinwelle, Ralph Bartone, Aldermen, Robert Widyngtone and John Coventre, Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty specially summoned for a Common Council and to transact the business of the City, that a grant made by the Chamberlain to Henry Hornittstede of a plot of vacant land on Houndisdiche for a term of sixty years at an annual rent of 10s. should hold good, and be sealed with the Common Seal.

*Dimissio
cujusdam
vacue placee
super
Houndesdiche.*

The same day John Combe, of London, admitted by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council to the office of Common Serjeant-at-mace (*ad clavam*),¹ he to receive yearly the clothing, fee, and reward appertaining to such office as fully as was enjoyed by John Pichard, who lately held the office.²

*Concessio
officii co'is
servientis ad
clavam Lon-
don' Joh'i
Combe.*

Tuesday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], in the presence of Henry Bartone, the Mayor, John Bartone, the Recorder, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knolles, William Crowmer, Richard "Melawe," Nicholas Wottone, Thomas Fauconer, John Penne, Thomas Pyke, John Reynwelle, John Perneys, William "Caunbrigge," William Sevenok, and William Chichely, Aldermen, and very many Commoners summoned to the Guildhall for the election of Sheriffs, Henry Rede, armourer, Commoner, was elected one of the Sheriffs by the Mayor, and John Gedney, draper, Alderman, was elected the other Sheriff by the Commonalty.

*Eleccio
Johannis Ged-
ney et Henrici
Rede vice-
comitum
Civitatis
London'.*

The same day John Hille, fishmonger, was elected Chamberlain³; and John Reinwelle and John Perneys, Aldermen, William Burtone, grocer, Nicholas James and Richard Style, fishmongers, and John Boteler, draper, Commoners, were elected Auditors of the Chamberlain's account.

Afterwards, viz., on the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], the

¹ Or Common Crier; more commonly known as Common Serjeant-at-arms, whose duty it was, and is at the present day, to bear the City's Mace.

² In 1407 John "Pycharde" appears

as Serjeant of the Chamber. *Supra*, p. 54.

³ Reverting to the practice of the Chamberlain being annually elected immediately after the election of Sheriffs. *Vide supra*, p. 76n.

aforesaid Sheriffs were sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow of the said feast were presented and admitted before the Barons in the Exchequer, &c.

Fo. cciv.
*Eleccio
Ricardi Mer-
lawe Maioris
Civitatis
London'.*

Wednesday the Feast of Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], in the presence of Henry Bartone, the Mayor, John Bartone, the Recorder, Sir John¹ the Prior of Christchurch, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knolles, Richard Merlawe, Robert Chichele, William Walderne, William Crommere, Thomas Fauconer, Nicholas Wottone, William Sevenok, John Penne, William Nortone, Thomas Aleyn, Alan Everard, Thomas Pyke, William Chichele, John Reinwelle, William Cauntbrigge, William Louthe, John Michell, John Perneys, and Ralph Bartone [Aldermen], John Gedney and Henry Rede, Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty summoned for the election of a Mayor, Richard Merlawe was elected Mayor for the year ensuing.

Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], he was sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and sworn before the Barons in the Exchequer.

*Licencia Joh'is
Spencer civis
et Peautrer
London'
prosequendi
ad comunem
legem.*

5 Nov., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], permission granted by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen to John Spencer, "peautrer," to prosecute Simon Rokeland, "wexchaundeller," at common law, wherever he may be found, as the said Simon was not residing within the City.

*Exon'acio
Roberti Man
civis et Bocher
London'.*

20 Dec., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], Robert Man, "bocher," discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. cciv b.
*L're Burgi-
magistrer'
Scabinor' et
Consulum
ville Brugen'
Reg' direct'.*

Letter from the Burgomasters, Echevins, &c., of the town of Bruges to the King and his Council, praying that certain merchandise belonging to burgesses of Bruges, which had been seized in England contrary to the terms of the truce existing between England and Flanders,² might be given up. Dated at Bruges, 20 May, A.D. 1417.

¹ Probably a mistake for *William*, i.e., William Harewdon, who was Prior until 1420.

² The truce made with Flanders

for a term of 5 years from June, 1411, had been prolonged for a year from June, 1416 (*vide supra*, p. 104; Rymer, 'Fœdera,' ix. 352-3).

A power of attorney granted by the owners of the above merchandise to certain burgesses to take legal steps for the recovery of the same. Dated at Bruges, 13 Sept., A.D. 1417.

Fo. ccv.

*Ad huc l're
eorundem
misse d'no
Regi.*

Another letter from the Burgomasters, Echevins, &c., of the town of Bruges to the King, and in his absence to the Chancellor and other lords of the Council, praying that the merchandise belonging to certain other burgesses of Bruges might be restored to them in the same manner as they, the writers, would restore the merchandise of English merchants under similar circumstances. Dated 7 Nov. [A.D. 1417].

*Item l're
eorundem
misse d'no
Regi.*

Another letter from the same to the same on behalf of other merchants to the same effect. Dated 7 Nov. [A.D. 1417].

Fo. ccv b.

*L're Burgi-
mag'ror'
Scabin' et
Consul' ville
Brugen' miss'
d'no Regi et
Consilio suo.*

Letters patent appointing Richard "Merlowe," the Mayor, William Hankeford, Richard Nortone, William Lasynby, Robert Tirwhit, Robert Hulle, John Cokayn, Roger Hortone, William Lodyngtone, William Cheyne, John Prestone, and John Bartone, senior, or any eleven, ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, or two (the Mayor being one), to be Justices for gaol-delivery of Newgate. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, at W[estminster], 28 Nov., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417].

Fo. ccvi.

*Commissio
Gaole de
Newgate.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to hold their Wardmotes and report such matters as they could not themselves redress to the Mayor's General Court to be held at the Guildhall on Monday after the Epiphany [6 Jan.]; and further, to take steps for lighting and cleansing the streets, keeping watch and ward, the election of Alekonners, &c. Dated 12 Dec. [A.D. 1417].

Fo. ccvi b.

*Consi'lis billa
missa fuit
cuil't Aldr'o.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to cause a sum equal to a whole fifteenth to be levied in their Wards and to bring the money to the Guildhall by the 20th January. Dated 8 Jan. [A.D. 1417-18?].

*Consi'lis billa
missa fuit
cuil't Aldr'o.*

9 Feb., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417-18], came William Lomeley, Esquire, of co. York, who married Johanna, one of the

daughters of John Wodecok, late mercer, and acknowledged the receipt of a portion of his wife's patrimony from John Bacon, "wolman."¹ On 19 Feb. the said William came and acknowledged the receipt of the balance.

Fo. ccvii.

*De custodia
pueror³ Ric'i
Fitz Andrew
nup' civis et
Piscenar'
London'.*

Record showing the disposal of a sum of money bequeathed by Richard Fitz Andrew, late fishmonger, among his children, viz., Robert, Roger, Johanna, Idonia, Richard, Thomas, Matilda, and Agnes, by Roger Fitz Andrew and Thomas Oswaldkirk, Rector of the church of St. George, his executors, and by the Chamberlain of the Guildhall.

*Custodia
Johannis filii
Nich'i
Stratton' nup'
civis London'.*

4 Nov., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417], the guardianship of John, son of Nicholas Stratton, committed by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to Agnes Stratton, his mother. Sureties, viz., William Turnell, "wexchaundeller," and Richard Osborn, clerk.

Afterwards the above orphan, having come of age, came into court and prayed that his mother might continue to keep his property until the term of his apprenticeship with Stephen Broun had ended.

Afterwards the said orphan having died during his apprenticeship, his property was allowed to remain with his mother to dispose of for the good of his soul.

Fo. ccvii b.

*Exon'acio
Johannis
Swayn civis et
Taillour
London.*

19 Feb., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417-18], John Swayn, "taillour," discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Mandatum de
permittendo
certos naves
libere exire
de Thamisia
usque
Southampton.*

Mandate issued by the Admiral to the Bailiffs and Surveyors of the Thames to allow certain ships called "cogshippes," laden with wool, to leave the river for the Port of Southampton to join the proposed expedition towards the sea, notwithstanding any embargo that may be laid on them. Dated under the seal of the Admiral, 24 Feb., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417-18].

¹ Cf. *supra*, p. 155.

12 Feb., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417-18], the sum of £20, which had been brought in by Thomas Roos and Elias Davy, mercers, in 1416, for the use of Richard, son of Richard Roos, late mercer, and brother of the said Thomas, delivered to the said Elias Davy, who married the mother of the orphan, in trust.¹ Sureties, viz., Thomas Bataylle and Thomas Osbarne, mercers.

*Custodia
Thome Roos
filii Ric'i Roos
nup' civis et
merceri
London'.*

Letter from Pope Martin² to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen notifying his having (at the urgent request of the King of England) appointed Walter Medford, Dean of Wells, to be his Collector in England, in recognition of his services to the Roman Church at the Council of Constance.³ Dated at Constance, vii. Ides December [7 Dec.], in the first year of his Pontificate [A.D. 1417].

Fo. ccviii.

*L'ra d'ni pape
pro Walt'o
Medford Col-
lectore suo.*

Letter from Richard [Clifford], Bishop of London, to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen of the City, notifying the election of Cardinal Otho "Columpna" to the Papal Chair under the title of Pope Martin V., and the appointment of Walter Medford, Dean of Wells, to be Papal Collector in England. Dated at Constance, 8 Dec. [A.D. 1417].

Fo. ccviii b.

*L'ra e'pi Lon-
don' Maiori
et Aldr'is
direct' de
elecco'e d'ni
pape.*

Reply to the above. Dated 18 Jan. [A.D. 1417-18].

Fo. ccix.

*Respon'o l're
precedentis.*

Letter from Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen to the King, congratulating him upon his success abroad, and assuring him of their loyalty, and of the peace and tranquillity of the City since he last set out. Dated 20 Dec. [A.D. 1417].⁴

*L'ra Angli-
cana Regi
direct' per
Maiorem et
Aldr'os etc.*

A General Court held at the Guildhall in the parish of St. Lawrence, Jewry, Monday after the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.], 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417-18], before Richard Merlawe,

Fo. ccix b.

¹ Cf. *supra*, p. 112.

² Cardinal Otho Colonna, elected Pope at the General Council of Constance on the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 1417, and on that account assumed the title of Pope Martin V.

³ The Council commenced to sit in November, 1414, and did not break up until April, 1418. Its primary object was to restore unity

to the Church and end the schism that had so long prevailed. It condemned the teaching of Wycliffe, and ordered John Huss to the stake.

⁴ In English. See 'Memorials,' pp. 658-60. Henry had set sail at the end of July for Normandy, and had landed at Touques on the 1st August.

the Mayor, John Bartone, senior, the Recorder, Richard Whityngtone, Robert Chichele, William Walderne, William Crowmere, Thomas Fauconer, Henry Bartone, William Sevenok, William Norton, Thomas Pyke, Thomas Aleyn, John Penne, William Cauntbrigge, John Reinwell, William Louth, John Michell, Ralph Bartone, and John Perneys, Aldermen, John Gedney, Alderman and Sheriff, Henry Rede the other Sheriff, and an immense Commonalty of citizens specially assembled for what follows :—

*Adnullacio
cujusdam or-
dinacionis de
Cobelers facte
tempore
Drugonis
Barentyn.*

Ordinance annulling the ordinance or composition made between Cordwaners and Cobelers *temp.* Drew Barantyn, Mayor¹ (inasmuch as it was contrary to the common weal), notwithstanding any enrolment of it having been made at the Guildhall or proclamation of the same in the Husting.

Fo. ccx.

*Concessio
unius toge
annuatim
Joh'i Briggewater
capellano.*

The same day and at the same Court it was agreed that John Briggewater, Chaplain of the Chapel over the bones of the dead in St. Paul's churchyard, should have yearly at Christmas from the Chamberlain a gown of the same suit and livery as Serjeants of the Mayor and of the Chamber were wont to have, in recognition of his great services.

*Proclamat'
fuit tercio die
Decembr'.*

Proclamation to be made prescribing the price to be charged by "wodemongers" and "huksters" for "busshe" and charcoal, by the "fagot" and "pekke," &c.

Proclamacio.

Proclamation to be made forbidding any vintner, taverner, brewer, hosteler, "kiew" or "piebaker" to keep his house open after 10 o'clock in the evening of the vigils of St. John Bapt. [24 June] and SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], or to sell wine or victual before 6 o'clock of the morning following, under penalty of fine and imprisonment.

Proclamacio.

Proclamation to be made forbidding the forcing of persons to join in "hokkyng" on Monday and Tuesday next, called "the hokkedays," under penalty of fine and imprisonment.

Fo. ccx b.

Letter from Richard [Clifford], Bp. of London, to Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, acknowledging the

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 74. In Feb., 1417, the King had given orders for the ordinance to be observed, but

the civic authorities had objected. *Supra*, p. 187.

receipt of their letter, and commenting further upon the benefits that the Church enjoyed as a result of the Council of Constance [*ends abruptly*].

Indenture of lease by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Commonalty to Robert Warner and Elianora his wife of a vacant piece of land in the parish of St. Martin within Ludgate, whereon to build a house, with a large gateway at the east end of the plot which the Mayor and Commonalty may use; to hold the same for a term of sixty years at an annual rent of 3*s.* 4*d.* Dated 1 March, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417-18].¹

5 April, 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], William Peper, "pouche-maker," discharged by Richard "Merlowe," the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

9 April [A.D. 1418], proclamation made for all soldiers of the retinue of the Duke of Exeter, or other lord, knight, esquire, gentleman, and valet whosoever bound for the present expedition, to hasten to Southampton, and there embark under penalty of imprisonment,² &c.

28 April, 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], Nicholas "Clerc," cordwainer, discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

11 June, 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], came Hugh Davy, tailor, who had married Margaret, daughter of Otho Brys, late one of the Mayor's Serjeants, with permission of Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and acknowledged satisfaction for his wife's patrimony received from John Hille, the Chamberlain.

1 June, 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], William Wodeward, "foundour," discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

¹ Cf. *infra*, p. 202.

² The Earl of March and Thomas Beaufort, Duke of Exeter, had been busy during the winter raising troops

for the King, and in the spring of 1418 they both crossed over to France.

Fo. ccxi.

Fo. ccxi b.

*Exon'acio
Will'i Peper
Civis et
Pouchemaker
de'e civitat'.*

*Proclamacon'
fait le ix^{me}
jour d'april pur
les souldiours
de eux hastier
a South-
hampton.*

*Exon'acio
Nick'i Clerik
civis et Allu-
tarii London'.*

*Exon'acio
Cur' de viginti
li' p'tin' Mar-
garete
altere [sic]
filiar'
Othonis Brys.*

*Exon'acio
Will'i Wode-
ward civis et
Foundour
London'.*

Fo. ccxii.

*Custod'
c marc' p'tin'
Elizabet
Rikill etc.*

17 June, 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], came Nicholas Rikill and Henry Boydone and delivered to John Hille, the Chamberlain, the sum of 100 marks which Rose Rikill bequeathed to Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Gille, draper; to hold the same in trust for the said Elizabeth, and if she die before marriage, one moiety of the said money is to go to the said Richard Gille and Matilda his wife, absolutely, and the other to the aforesaid Nicholas and Henry for the souls of William Rikill and of the aforesaid Rose his consort (*consortis sue*).¹

*Consimilis
l'ra missa fuit
cuil't Aldr'o.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to set an armed watch during the two nights and eves of St. John Bapt. [24 June] and SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], and to take the usual precautions against fire, &c. Dated 17 June, 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418].

*Proclamacio
pur men-
dinauntz
vagarantz en
la Cite.*

Proclamation for vagrant beggars to leave the City and go to parts of "uplande,"² where at the present time of August labourers were in great request. Those found wandering about the City after Sunday next were to be arrested.³

*Proclauncio
sup' judicio
billor'.*

For as moche as Thomas of Forde of Caunterbury Sawyer other wyse called Thomas of Forde Sothseyer that here stant be a solempne enquest afore the Mair and Aldermen take was endited and aftur be another enquest atteint and convict of hidous trespasses and disseites that is to seye þat he now late cam to oon Jonet þat was þe wyfe of Janyn Cook of Estchepe seing that he was a sothseyer and trewely wolde telle here where cc.li. and more was be come with a litel cofir closed be her housbond in his life was beried in þe ground if it so were þat she wold paye as well for the sotell instrumentes þat longen to his craft as for his mete and drinke that he spende al þe mene while þat he were in this toune and with that also þat she wolde ensure him to be wedded to him which Jonet nat knowyng his falsnesse and disceit paied at his biddyng for his instrumentes and mete and drinke 40s. and more onward and Innocently trustyng to hes wordes and behest behot hym for to do all þat he desired with that con-

¹ Cf. *infra*, fo. ccxlix b.

² The country in general as distinguished from London and other towns. See Glossary, 'Liber Cust.,' s.v. Up-land.

³ This proclamation is subscribed

with the letter "C," the initial letter of the new Town Clerk, John Carpenter, who introduced the fashion of putting his name to civic documents of a public character.

dicoun that he wolde perfourme and do as he hadde hight and promised the whiche Thomas contynuyng his falsnesse and disceit aboveseyd wityng wel þat he might ne coude nat perfourme þat he hadde behight delaied her forth fro day to day tilat the laste he knouliched his Falsnesse and profered hem amendes and in the same wyse he begiled and disceyued an other woman þat hight Naverine Mauncell behetyng here for to gete a geyne half a gowne of cloth of gold which was stolen out of here kepyng and made here to spende upon hym up trust therof xviiiis. vid. and more For the which falsnesse and disceytes þe Mair and Aldermen willyng þat suche shul be war be hym in tyme comyng hav awarded after þe Custume of this Cite þat he as a fals lyere and disceyver of þe comune peple shal stonde here upon þe pillorye thre market dayes eche day an hour wiþ a Westone¹ aboute his necke in tokene of a lyere.

*Carpenter.*²

Proclamation to be made for all soldiers, seamen, and others bound for the coming expedition to forthwith embark on their ships lying in the Thames, and thence set out for the Port of Southampton by the next tide.³ [No date.] *French.*

Fo. ccxii b.

Proclamacio.

Proclamation for all those who were willing to go to the city of "Roen" or other ports of Normandy to be on ship board by Sunday next at the latest, and in the meanwhile to attend the Mayor, who would provide them with shipping and free victual towards the said ports. Also for any who would venture to send any manner of victual, wine, beer, &c., for the King's army in those ports to hasten before Sunday next to William Sevenok, and certain other Aldermen and Commoners especially appointed for the purpose, at the church of St. Dunstan in the Est, in Tourstrete, and notify them of

Proclamacio.

¹ A whetstone, at that time a recognized emblem of a liar. See 'Cal. Letter-Book G,' p. 177n. Cf. "And with lies thou cuttest like a sharp razor" (Ps. lii. 3, Prayer Book version).

² This appears to be the first instance of the Town Clerk of London signing a public document with his surname only.

³ 'Memorials,' p. 664. This proclamation, like the preceding, is subscribed with Carpenter's name. The expedition referred to in this and the succeeding proclamation is that which took place under the Duke of Exeter, who arrived in France with a force of 1,500 men in May, 1418.

the quantity of their victual, and shipping would be provided for the passage.¹ [No date.]

*Exon'acio
Lvi pertin'
pu'is Ric'i
Fitz "Andreu"
nup' civis et
Pisc' etc.*

2 Dec., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419]. came Robert, Roger, and Johanna, children of Richard Fitz "Andrew," late fishmonger, and asked for the portion of Idonea their sister, who had died under age, and it was granted.

*Fo. ccxiii.
Judicium q'd
mercatores
infrascripti
sint quieti de
omni custuma
vic' London'
solvend'.*

9 Feb., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417-18], came certain merchants of the Hanse of Almaine, occupying the house commonly known as the Guildhall of the Teutronics, and complained of the Sheriffs having wrongfully exacted various tolls and customs on their merchandise. The Sheriffs in defence declare that they have always been accustomed to demand the tolls prescribed as an aid to the discharge of their ferm. The records in the Treasury and Chamber of the Guildhall were thereupon examined, when it was found that the aforesaid merchants were quit of all payments. Order accordingly.

*Fo. ccxiii b.
Exoneracio
Will'mi
Kynaston civis
et allutar'
London'.*

15 Oct., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], William Kynastone, cord-wainer, discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to infirmity.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Guy ab
assis et etc.*

The same day, John Guy, "irmonger," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Fo. ccxiv.
Exon'acio
Roberti Scrace
civis et Brewer
London'.*

14 July, 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], Robert Scrace, "brewer," discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exoneracio
Johannis
Skynner civis
et Cappere
London'.*

28 July, 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], John Skynner, "cappere," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Admissio Ric'i
Frepors in
artem
et misteram
de Taillours.*

1 Aug., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], came Richard Frepors, "upholdere,"² formerly apprentice to Thomas Baldok, "upholdere," before Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the

¹ This proclamation, which is in English (and without Carpenter's name), is set out in 'Memorials' (p. 664), but the editor has inadvertently omitted the words, *Also yif*

ony persone be that will aventure toward þe forsayd Costes of Normandy. Cf. proclamations *infra*, p. 201.

² See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 44n.

Aldermen, and prayed to be translated from the mystery of Upholders to that of Tailors, he having long used the art of Tailors, and not that of Upholders. His prayer granted.

20 Aug., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], Hugh Gamme, "peautrer," discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, owing to defective eyesight and increasing old age.

*Exoneracio
Hugonis
Gamme civis
et Peautrer
London'.*

The same day, Richard Loxlee, "spicer," similarly discharged owing to increasing old age.

*Exoneracio
Ric'i "Lox-
lee" civis et
Spicere
London'.*

7 May, 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], the patrimony of Agnes and Johanna, daughters of Roger Cringelford, late goldsmith, committed to the custody of Robert Stanford, goldsmith, executor of the said Roger, in trust for the said orphans. Sureties, viz., Richard Stacy, "jeweller," and John Grantham, goldsmith.

*Fo. ccxiv b.
Custodia
puerorum
Rogeri
Cringelford
nuper civis et
Aurifabri
London'.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 27th April, 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], came John Braumstone, goldsmith, who had married the above Johanna, and acknowledged satisfaction for the money due to his wife from her father, as well as on account of the death of the above Agnes her sister, and of John her brother.

Letter from the King to the Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen, and "Comuners" of the City, informing them of his doings since his last departure from Caen: how he had taken the town of "Loviers,"¹ and the castle and town of Pont de Larche; and how he had sent a "poursuant" to the Duke of Burgundy with the view of keeping the peace, but without avail. It concludes with a passing reference to the death of the "Erle" of Armagnac and the slaughter that had taken place at Paris,² with which no doubt the citizens of London had already been made acquainted. Dated at Pont de Larche, 21 July [A.D. 1418].³ *English.*

*Fo. ccxv.
L'ra d'ni
Regis missa
Maiori et
Alderman'
Civital'
London.*

Reply to the above, thanking the King, and assuring him of the peaceable state of the City. Dated 12 Aug. [A.D. 1418].

*Responcio
ejusd' l're.*

¹ Louviers.

² On the 12th June (1418), after the Orleans or Armagnac party had been routed by the Burgundians, the city of Paris lay at the mercy of the

mob. Prisons were broken open and the inmates massacred, among them being the Constable Armagnac.

³ The letter and reply set out by Jules Delpit, *op. cit.*, pp. 222, 224.

- Fo. ccxv b. Letter from the Duke of Clarence to Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, informing him that the King had recently taken the town of Loviers, and was at that time before the town of Le Pont de Larche on the river "Sayne," which had been crossed by the King's forces, who were then before the castle of the town, so that its speedy surrender was looked for. The letter concludes by asking if he could do anything for the Mayor in those parts, and by commending him to God's keeping. Dated before the town of Pont de Larche, 5 July [A.D. 1418]. *French*.¹
- L'ra huc missa Maiori.*
- Responsio l're precedentis.* Reply to the above, graciously acknowledging the receipt of the joyful news it contained, and assuring the Duke of the peaceful condition of the City. [No date.]
- Fo. ccxvi. Letter from the King to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commoners of the City, informing them that he was laying siege to Rouen—"the most notable place in Fraunce save Paris"—and praying them to send victuals by ship to Harfleur, and thence by the river "Seyne" to Rouen, for the refreshment of his forces. Dated at "Roan," 10 August [A.D. 1418].² *English*.
- L'ra missa Maiori Aldr'is et Comunib' Civitat' London' pro victualib' mittendis domino Regi in obsidione ante Rothomag' jac'.*
- Responcio l're precedent'.* Reply to the above under the seal of the Mayoralty informing the King that the City was dispatching by John Credy and John Combe, poor officers of the City and bearers of this letter, 30 butts of sweet wine, 1,000 pipes of ale and beer, and 2,500 cups for his army.³ Dated at Gravesend, the Feast of the Nativity B.V.M. [8 Sept.].⁴
- Fo. ccxvi b. 16 Oct., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], John Husk, mercer, discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to infirmity.
- Exoneracio Johannis Husk civis et Merceri London'.*

¹ The letter and reply set out by Delpit, pp. 221, 222-3.

² 'Memorials,' pp. 664-5. Cf. Delpit, p. 223. The King commenced the siege of Rouen on Friday, the 29th July (1418), but the town did not surrender until the 19th Jan., 1419.

³ Particulars of the cost thus

incurred by the City are recorded in the City's Journal (i. fo. 48). See 'Memorials,' pp. 665-6.

⁴ Set out in Sharpe's 'London and the Kingdom' (Longmans, 1895), vol. iii. pp. 359-61. Cf. Delpit, pp. 224-5.

12 Aug., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], the guardianship of Robert and Thomas, children of Robert Odyham, late grocer, and of their property arising from the sale of lands and tenements in Kent,¹ committed by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, with the consent of John Sudbury and Richard Osborn, executors of the deceased father, and that of Johanna his wife, to John Poley, grocer, for a term of eight years. Sureties, viz., William Sevenok, grocer, John Dys, "wodemonger," Hugh Harlewyn, "sporier," and Robert Cristemasse, text-writer.

Fo. ccxvii.

*Custodia
pueror^{um} Ro-
berti Odyham
nuper civis et
Groceri
London'.*

Afterwards, viz., on 13 May, 7 Henry VI. [A.D. 1429], came William Sevenok, surety of John Poley, who had fled the City, and brought into court £30 of his own money, and prayed that the fact might be recorded, so that he might recover against the said Poley. Thereupon the said sum was delivered by John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, to Thomas Odyham, being of full age, who acknowledged satisfaction.

Proclamation for all those who were willing to go to the city of "Roan" or any other place on the coast of Normandy for the King's service, to be on board ship by Sunday next at the latest, and in the meanwhile to attend the Mayor, who would provide them with shipping and free victuals for the voyage.² [No date.] *English.*

Proclamacio.

Proclamation for all those who were willing to sail to Normandy to go to St. Dunstan's in the East on Monday next at 8 o'clock to attend William Sevenok, Alderman, and those associated with him for the purpose of providing shipping, and each should receive a noble for victuals. [No date.]³ *English.*

Proclamacio.

¹ Robert Odyham, by his will, proved and enrolled in the Husting in 1415, ordered that his manor of Newland in the parish of "Tenham," co. Kent, should be sold. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 407-8.

² Printed in Sharpe's 'London and

the Kingdom,' vol. iii. p. 361. This proclamation was not subscribed by Carpenter. Cf. a similar proclamation, *supra*, pp. 197-8.

³ This proclamation subscribed "Carpenter." It is set out in 'Memorials,' p. 665.

Fo. ccxvii b.
*Exoneracio
 Hugonis
 Crispe civis et
 Allutarii
 London.*

14 Oct., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], Hugh Crisp, cordwainer, discharged by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to his suffering from deafness, &c.

*L'ra presen-
 tacionis Nich'i
 Page capell'i
 per Recordat-
 torem Civitat'
 London' ad
 Cantariam in
 eccl'ia Sc'i
 Mich'is super
 Cornhill Lon-
 don' pro a'ia
 Wall'i de
 Billingham
 civis London'
 fundat'.*

Letter of John Barton, senior, Recorder, to the Prioress and Convent of St. Helen, London, presenting Nicholas Page, chaplain of the diocese of Salisbury, to the chantry founded by Walter de Billyngham in the church of St. Michael, Cornhill,¹ vacant by the death of John Wodeford, and charging the said Prioress to pay the said Nicholas the annual sum of 7 marks prescribed by the founder's will. Dated 22 Oct., A.D. 1418.

Fo. ccxviii.
*Licencia
 Martini Poke-
 lyngtone civis
 et Groceri
 London' pro-
 sequendi ad
 co'em legem.*

20 Oct., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], licence granted by Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, and the Aldermen to Martin Pokelington, grocer, to prosecute at common law outside the City William Chichele, grocer, Richard Bourtone, and all others administering any goods and chattels formerly belonging to Thomas Bourtone, late grocer, who died intestate, the oath which the said Martin took when first admitted to the freedom of the City notwithstanding.²

*Dimissio
 cujusdam
 vacue placee
 l're inf^a lud-
 gate facta
 Rob'to
 Warner.*

1 March, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417-18], lease by Richard Merlawe, Mayor, and the Commonalty, in Common Council assembled in the Chamber of the Guildhall, to Robert Warner and Elianora his wife, of a parcel of land in the parish of St. Martin within Ludgate for a term of 60 years, at an annual rent of 3s. 4d.³

Fo. ccxviii b.
*Endentoure
 perentre n're
 seign' le Roy
 et divers*

Indenture between the King and the following citizens, who had advanced money for the King's expedition abroad, viz., Henry Bartone (100 marks), Thomas Knolles (£200), Robert Chicheley (£100), William Crowmer (£100), Nicholas Wottone

¹ See the will of Walter de Billyngham (proved and enrolled in the Husting in June, 1349), which prescribes that the chantry priest should be elected and presented by the Recorder of the City for the time being. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 581.

² The oath of a freeman contained

the following clause : *Vos nenplederes nul home qest de la franchise de la dite Citee hors de mesme la Citee si vous purrez avoir droit devaunt les ministres de la dite Citee.* 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 196. Cf. similar licence *supra*, p. 190.

Cf. *supra*, p. 195.

(£200), Richard Merlawe (100 marks), William Sevenok (£100), William Cambrigge (£100), Ralph Bartone (£46 13s. 4d.), John Perneys (£50), Janyn Michol (£40), Robert Arnold (£40), Geoffrey Dallyng, vintner (£20), William Louth (£20), William Walderne (£66 13s. 4d.), John Coventre (£20), William Nortone (£20), Aleyn Everard (£40), Thomas Fauconer (40 marks), William Olyver (£20), Thomas Duffhous (£20), John Welles (£20), Richard Barry (£10), Robert Fitz Robert (40 marks), Richard Merevall (£10), John Megre (£50), William Bury (£20), Richard Eltone (£20), William Midelton, grocer (£20), Simon Bartelot (£20), John Michel (£20), John Reynewelle (£20), John Gedney (£20), Robert Wydyngtone (40 marks), John Lane (£20), Nicholas James (£20), John Boteler, mercer (£20), Simon Sewale (£20), Henry Sadelere (£20), Thomas Pyke (£50), Thomas Aleyn (£20), John Middelton (£10), and Walter Cottone (500 marks)—whereby the King pledges with them a Spanish sword mounted in gold and enriched with “baleys,” sapphires, and pearls, of the value of £2,000, and weighing 84½ ounces troy weight. The sword not to be parted with before Michaelmas twelvemonth, unless redeemed by the King.¹ Dated at Westminster, 16 (21 ?)² June, 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417].

*citeins de
Lounbres des
grauntz
sommies
dargent al Roy
apprestez.*

20 Feb., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418-19], the guardianship of Elizabeth, Thomas, Blanche, Margaret, Robert, and Richard, children of Henry Haltone, late grocer, together with their patrimony, committed by William Sevenok, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to John Welles, grocer, who married Margery, widow of the said Henry Haltone.³ Sureties, viz., William Broun, Thomas Burtone, John Tynkeldene, William Grantham, grocers, and Robert Fitz Robert, junior.

Fo. ccxix.

Afterwards, viz., on the 22nd Nov., 13 Henry VI. [A.D. 1434], came Thomas Knolles, junior, and William Cliff, clerk, executors

¹ The sword was voluntarily given up to the King in 1419, when the custom on wool, &c., was given as security in its place. *Vide infra*, p. 214.

² *Vide infra*, p. 214.

³ Her first husband had been John Osbarne. *Supra*, p. 26.

of the above Robert Haltone, who had died after arriving at full age, before Robert Oteley, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and acknowledged satisfaction for his patrimony.

[Fo. ccxix b *blank*.]

Fo. ccxx.
Eleccio Jo-
hannis Bryan
et Rad'i Bar-
ton Vice-
comitum
civital'
London'.

Wednesday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], in the presence of Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, John Bartone, the Recorder, Thomas Knolles, William Croumere, Thomas Fauconer, Nicholas Wottone, Henry Bartone, William Sevenok, John Penne, Thomas Pyke, William Cauntbrigge, John Reynwelle, John Perneys, Robert Wityngham, and Robert Widyngtone, Aldermen, John Gedney and Henry Rede, Sheriffs, and very many Commoners, summoned for the election of Sheriffs at the Guildhall, John Bryan, fishmonger and Commoner, was elected one of the Sheriffs by the Mayor, and Ralph Bartone, skinner and Alderman, was elected the other Sheriff by the Commonalty.

The same day, John Hille, fishmonger, was elected Chamberlain of the City; John Westone and Nicholas James were elected Wardens of London Bridge; and Robert Wydyngtone, Robert Wityngham, Aldermen, William Bourtone, grocer, John Boteler, mercer, John Chartesey, draper, and Richard Meryvale, "vinter," Commoners, were elected Auditors of the accounts of the Chamberlain and Wardens of London Bridge.

Afterwards, viz., on the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], the above Sheriffs were sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow of the said Feast were presented and admitted before the Barons of the Exchequer.

Concessio feodi
et vesture Joh'i
Uptone nup'
uni servien-
tum Maioris
durante vita
sua.

The above Wednesday, the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], a grant made by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty to John Uptone, one of the Mayor's Serjeants, whose health compelled him to resign office, of the same yearly fee and clothing as enjoyed by Serjeants of the Mayor and Chamber.

The above John Bryan having died¹ within 12 days of his election as Sheriff, viz., on Monday the 10th Oct., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], the lords of the Council (the King himself being in Normandy) summoned the Mayor, Aldermen, and the more powerful Commoners to appear before them on the 11th Oct. to show that the said Mayor, &c., had the power to elect another Sheriff in place of the deceased. The said Mayor, &c., thereupon appeared before Thomas [Langley], Bishop of Durham, the Chancellor, William Hankeford, the Chief Justice, William Kywelmersshe, Deputy Clerk of the Treasury, Richard Nortone, Chief Justice of Common Bench, John Cokayn, Justice of the same, and other members of the King's Council, assembled in the Council Chamber commonly called "le sterred chaumbre," and on being questioned by John Bartone, senior, the City's Recorder, replied that by virtue of charters, confirmed by Parliament, the citizens of London elected and removed their Sheriffs, and that on the occasion of a Sheriff dying in office they elected another, as they did anno 6 Edward II. [A.D. 1312], when Richard Welleford, one of the Sheriffs, died within the first quarter of his bailiwick, and Adam Ludekyn was elected in his stead,² and afterwards was admitted in the Exchequer. The said Mayor, &c., therefore prayed to be allowed to continue to enjoy the same liberty. Their prayer being granted, the Mayor and Aldermen immediately returned to the Guildhall, and having summoned the Commonalty, they elected John Perneys, fishmonger, to be Sheriff in place of John Bryan; and on Wednesday, the 12th Oct., the same was sworn, and immediately afterwards proceeded by water to Westminster with

*Decessus de'i
Joh'is Bryan
Vic' et in loco
ejus Joh'es
Perneys civis
et piscenar'
London' in
Vic' ejusdem
civital' extitit
per cives
electus.*

¹ Particulars of his death are thus recorded in Cotton MS. 1 Julius B. ii.: "In this same yere was oon John Bryan chosen and made sheryve of London and as custume ys off the citee roode to Westm'. And with Inne viij days after bysydes Seint Kateryns, as he wolde have esyd hym sylff on

the water syde, he felle bakward into Temyse; and with Inne two dayes after he dyed, and in his stede was chosen John Parneux" (Kingsford's 'Chronicles of London,' p. 72).

² See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' pp. 20-21.

a large company, where he was presented, admitted, *and sworn*¹ before the Deputy Treasurer, the Justices, and Barons.

Fo. ccxx b.

*Eleccio
Will' mi
Sevenok
Maioris
Civitatis Lon-
don'.*

Thursday the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], in the presence of Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, John Bartone, the Recorder, William [Harewdone] the Prior of Christchurch, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knolles, Robert Chichele, William Walderne, William Crowmere, Thomas Fauconer, Nicholas Wottone, Henry Bartone, William Sevenok, John Penne, Thomas Pyke, William Chichele, William Cauntbrigge, John Reynewelle, William Nortone, John Gedney, Robert Whitingham, Robert Wydington [Aldermen], Ralph Bartone and John Perneys, the Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty summoned to the Guildhall for the election of a Mayor—William Sevenok was elected Mayor for the year ensuing.

Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], he was sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and accepted, &c.²

Fo. ccxxi.

*Exon'acio
Ric'i Stowell
civis et Wode-
mongere
Civital'
London'.*

18 Nov., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], Richard Stowell, "wodemongere," discharged by William Sevenok, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Consi'lis billa
missa fuit
cuilibet Alder-
manno etc.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to hold their Wardmotes and make returns to the Mayor's General Court, to be held on Monday after the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.]; to take the usual steps for lighting the streets and preventing fire, and to elect Ward officers, &c. Dated 12 Dec. [A.D. 1418].

*Consi'is billa
missa fuit
cuilibet Alder-
manno.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to levy a sum in their Wards amounting to a fifteenth, and to bring the money to the Guildhall by the 22nd January. Dated 5th Jan. [A.D. 1418-19].

*Exon'acio
Ric'i Man
civis et Glasier
London'.*

23 Jan., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418-19], Richard Man, "glasier," discharged by William Sevenok, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

¹ This was unusual. An attempt had been made to impose an oath in the Exchequer upon Welleford and his co-Sheriff, John Lambyn, on their

election in 1312, but the City gained the day.

² It is not specifically recorded that he was *sworn* in the Exchequer.

Masters of Misteries sworn.

Fo. ccxxib.

Tapicers: William Bullok, Thomas Besowthe, John Piryell, and John Flesshe sworn 4 Oct., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], to well and faithfully govern the said mistery and present any defects they may find to the Mayor and Aldermen or to the Chamberlain of the City for the time being.

Shethers: John Audery, William Squyer similarly sworn the same day.

Hurers: John Batte, John Randolf, Richard Flete similarly sworn 5 Oct.

Coupers: John Trendeler, John Longe similarly sworn the same day.

Wodemongers: John Talworth, John Refhawe similarly sworn 13 Oct.

Scriveners: John Tanner, Philip Vigerus similarly sworn 17 Oct.

Flecchers: John Turnour, John Loweyn similarly sworn 18 Oct.

Armurers: Walter Witle, William Thede similarly sworn 28 Oct.

Smiths (Fabri): Laurence Harlewyn, Geoffrey Banham, John Maithall similarly sworn 3 Nov.

Pynners: Thomas Undirwode, Laurence Prowde, John Dowe similarly sworn 7 Nov.

Powchemakers and *Galochemakers*: Philip Estcote, William Wynnant, Robert Lynforde similarly sworn 7 Nov.

English Weavers: William Michell, Richard Potkyn similarly sworn 21 Nov.

Foreign Weavers: Giles de Barlare, Peter van Gloude similarly sworn 21 Nov.

"Fullurs": John Venne, Laurence Carpenter similarly sworn 9 Dec.

Cooks and *Pastelers*: John Hardy, William Orkesle, John Wottone, Robert Fynche similarly sworn 19 Dec.

Masons (Lathami): Edmund Werlowe, John Crokston similarly sworn 21 June, 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419].

Lethersellers: Peter Rowte, John Sunneman similarly sworn
3 June.

Joynours: John Dero, William Godfrey similarly sworn
4 July.

Salters: William Edward, John Myles similarly sworn
20 Sept.

Fo. ccxxii. Letters patent appointing John Michell, fishmonger, Ralph Bartone, skinner, Richard Eltone, draper, and Simon Sewale, "sadeller," to be Commissioners for levying in the City the subsidy granted by the last Parliament for the defence of the realm. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, at Westminster, 18 Dec., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417].

Comissio pro duab' decimis et duab' quintisdecimis integr' concess' d'no R' etc.
Exon'acio Thome Ferrour civis et Cissor' London'.
28 Jan., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418-19], Thomas Ferroure, tailor, discharged from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. ccxxii b. Proceedings in the Court of the lord the King, held before the Mayor and Aldermen at the Guildhall, on the —, ¹ after the Feast of St. Leonard [6 Nov.], 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], against Thomas Taillour, "hurer," for fulling caps at a mill contrary to the ordinance recorded in Letter-Book H, fo. xlix [b].²

L'ra Ep'i Wynton'.
Letter from Henry [Beaufort], Bishop of Winchester, to the Mayor and Aldermen, informing them of his visit to the Pope, and that he was now hastening home. Dated at "Rempton," 2 Dec. [A.D. 1418].³ *French.*

Responc'o ejusdem.
Reply to the above under the Mayoralty seal. Dated 15 Jan. [A.D. 1418-19]. *French.*

Fo. ccxxiii. Nichol Wighe, *alias* Nicholas Ketringham, *alias* John Segrave, *alias* Nicholl Pecche, convicted of forgery, and ordered to stand on the pillory, &c.⁴ *English.*
Judi'um pillor' Nich'i Ketringham pro falsis obligacionib' controfactis.

¹ The date omitted.

² The proceedings are set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 667-8.

³ The Bishop had attended the Council of Constance in 1417, and taken a leading part in the election of Pope Martin V., who nominated him

cardinal—an honour, however, which his nephew, the King, would not allow him to accept at the time. The Bishop proceeded afterwards on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. *Vide infra*, fo. ccxxiii b.

⁴ Set out in 'Memorials,' p. 668.

Proclamation at Christmas forbidding night-walking, "mom-
myng," plays, and interludes, the wearing of false beards and
masks, and ordering the hanging out of lanterns, &c.¹ *English.* *Proclamacio.*

31 Aug., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], Roger Rooke, John
Dalton, and John Blakye sworn Masters of the Barbers;
Richard Welles and Simon Roolf sworn Masters of the
Surgeons.

Letter from the Mayor and Aldermen to Richard [Clifford],
Bishop of London, graciously acknowledging his letter sent to
them from abroad.² [No date.] *Fo. ccxxiii b.*

20 Feb., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418-19], the guardianship of
Robert, Elizabeth, and Thomas, children of Thomas Bould,
late glover, together with their patrimony, committed by
William Sevenok, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Hille,
the Chamberlain, to Robert Hulle, grocer, who married
Johanna, the orphans' mother. Sureties, viz., John Bakere,
"peautrer," Robert Whaplode, senior, "hostiller," and
Thomas Jolyf, "armurer." *Custodia
pueror' Thome
Bould nup'
civis et
Cirotecar'
London'.*

6 March, 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418-19], John Coventre,
"cobeller," who had accompanied Henry [Beaufort], Bishop of
Winchester, to the Holy Land, and had returned broken down
in health, discharged at the Bishop's request, by William
Sevenok, the Mayor, and Aldermen, from serving on juries, &c. *Exon'acio
Joh'is Coventre
de London'
"Cobellere."*

3 Feb., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418-19], James Quarrer,
"peautrer," discharged by William Sevenok, the Mayor, and
the Aldermen from serving on juries, owing to increasing old
age. *Fo. ccxxiv.
Exoneracio
Jacobi Quarrer
civis et
Peautrer
London.*

Thursday after the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.], 6 Henry V.
[A.D. 1418-19], William Enderby, Under-Sheriff to Ralph
Bartone, Alderman and one of the Sheriffs, charged before
William Sevenok, the Mayor, John Bartone, senior, the Recorder,
Thomas Knolles, Richard Merlawe, Robert Chichele, William
*Ammocio
Will'i En-
derby ab
officio subvice-
comital'.*

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 669.

² The Bishop had attended the
Council of Constance in 1417. His
letter to the Mayor does not appear
to be recorded, although a marginal

note states that it is to be found in
another part of the folio: *Responsio
litere precedentis in altera parte
istius folii.*

Walderne, William Crowmere, Nicholas Wottone, Henry Bartone, William Nortone, William Cauntbrigge, John Reynewelle, Thomas Aleyn, and John Michell, Aldermen, in the Chamber of the Guildhall, with the following offences, viz. :—

(1) That by virtue of a certain writ of statute of the late King Edward forbidding any to leave the realm, &c., he maliciously arrested William Neubery, Steward of the Abbess and sisters Minoresses of the Order of St. Clare without Aldgate, and kept him in the Compter until he found surety in £4,000 for his not leaving the kingdom.

(2) That after he had found the above surety and been released, the said Under-Sheriff brought a plaint against him in the King's name, and unjustly detained him in prison for a night and more until he found surety in £100 to answer if a prosecutor should appear on the King's behalf, but no one appeared.

(3) That he refused to give judgment in a plaint between Henry Aleyn, skinner, and William Adys, goldsmith, and also in a plaint between Walter Meltone and John Batte, "masons," until he had received a sum of money, and made the said Walter enter into a bond for a debt due by the aforesaid William Enderby to William Rendre, "peautrer."

(4) That, whereas the light of judges should shine before men, that they may see their good works,¹ the said Under-Sheriff forcibly entered the house of William Haltone, draper, in the parish of St. Botolph without Aldgate, at one o'clock of the morning of the 27th day of November last, on the pretext of searching for robbers, and on the morrow caused him to be arrested for having raised a hue, and would not release him without payment.

Thereupon the said Under-Sheriff confessed that the writ against William Neubery was his own malicious doing, but the plaint brought against him was brought by order of the Duke of Bedford. The other charges he did not answer or deny. Judgment was therefore given for his removal from office.

¹ *Cum sic luceret lux iudicium coram hominibus ut viderentur opera sua bona.*

11 Feb., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418-19], the guardianship of Edmund, son of William de Ware, late "wodemonger," together with his patrimony, committed by William Sevenok, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to William Boteler, "irmonger," who married the orphan's mother. Sureties, viz., Nicholas James and Henry Martyn, fishmongers, and John Guy, "irmonger."

Fo. ccxxiv b.

*Custod' Ed-
mundi filii
Will'i de
Ware nup'
civis et Wode-
mongere
London'.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 8th Jan., 3 Henry VI. [A.D. 1424-5], came the above William Boteler and paid into court the orphan's patrimony, of which he acknowledged satisfaction.

Proclamation forbidding "hokkyng" on Monday and Tuesday¹ next, called "les hokkedaies."

*Hokkyng
defenduz.*

19 Feb., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418-19], came Richard Whitingtone, mercer, and delivered to John Hille, the Chamberlain, a sum of money belonging to the children of William Wynter, late brewer, for which sum the said Richard stood bound on behalf of Thomas Podmore, "irmongere," who had been appointed guardian to the said children.

Fo. ccxxv.

*Exoneracio
Ric'i Whiting-
tone d'c et
viginti li p'tn'
p'is Will'i
Wynter nuper
civis et Brewer
London'.*

For as moche as here be fore the Cite of London hatht had ant yet is lykly to have but it be the sonner remedies gret Mischiefs sclaudres and harmes thorough the gret disceyt and falsnesse of Brokours which for drede of god ne shame of þe world cesen nat but chaym (?) fro day to day peyne and afforcen under colour of Brocage to manteigne þe horrible vices of usure and fals chevisauns be which vices is nat oonly this Cite sclaudred but many worþi men utterluy distroyed and þe good fourme and cours of Merchaundise poynt to be perished for ever as god for bede Therfor þe Mair and Aldermen with thassent of þe comunes of this Cite to þe worship of god principalliche for amendement and relevacion of the people and in eschuyng alle þe mischiefs sclaudres harmes and falsnesses abovesayd have ordeined and stablissed and by this crye þerof done make notice to alle maner men þat no maner persone fre ne forein be so hardy betuene þis and Micchelmasse þat next cometh to make medle or consent in any wyse prive or appert with any maner of brocage with inne þis Cite up peyne of imprisonment of ther bodyes tulfmoneth and a day and

*Proclamacio v'
abrocat'.*

¹ The third Monday and Tuesday after Easter.

makyng fyn to þe Chaumber after discrecioun of the Mair and Aldermen what þat ever he be þat may be founde or atteint in any wyse in þe contraire And morover þe forsaide Mair Aldremen & communs han ordeigned and stablissed and by this proclamacioun laten almen to wete that what maner man can aspie any maner persoun make medle or consent in any wyse with any maner of brocage with inne þis Cite ayeins þe ordeignaunce abovesayd lat hym make relacioun þer of to the Mair or þe Chaumberleyn of þis Citee and he shal have þe fourthe part of þe fyn þat þe trespasour on this behalve shal make.

*Br'e Domini
R' direct'
Maiori Lon-
don' et aliis
Justic' suis pro
deliberacione
Prisonum
existenc' in
Gaola de
Neugate.*

Letters patent appointing William Sevenok, the Mayor, William Hankeford, Richard Nortone, William Lasynby, Robert Tirwhit, Robert Hulle, John Cokayn, Roger Hortone, William Lodyngtone, William Cheyne, John Prestone, and John Bartone, senior, or any eleven, ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, or two (the Mayor being one), to be justices for gaol-delivery of Neugate. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, at Westminster, Warden of England, 1 Dec., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418].

*Fo. ccxxv b.
Custodia Ric'i
filii Will'i
Wynter nup'
civis et Brewer
London'.*

20 Feb., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418-19], the guardianship of Richard, son of William Wynter, late brewer, together with his patrimony, committed by William Sevenok, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to Thomas atte Wode, "cappere." Sureties, viz., Guy Terry, baker, and John Bartelot, "netter."

Afterwards, viz., on the 25th Sept., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], came the above Thomas atte Wode, one of the executors of the above William Wynter, and brought into court a sum of money (the said orphan having died under age), which money was, at his request, redelivered to him to dispose of according to the will of the aforesaid William Wynter.

*Custodia
Matild' filie
Will'i Wynter
p'dict una
cum Lxx.*

23 Feb., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418-19], the guardianship of Matilda, daughter of the above William Wynter, together with her patrimony, committed to William Suttone, barber. Sureties, viz., John Sadeller, vintner, and William Rendre, "barbour."

The same day, the guardianship of Edward, son of the above William Wynter, together with his patrimony, committed to John Wodeward de Bokelond, co. Herts. Sureties, viz., John Boteller, junior, mercer, and William Picard, grocer.

Custodia Edwardi filii dicti Will'i Wynter.

Afterwards the said Edward died under age, and Thomas atte Wode and William atte Welle, executors of the above William, came on the 2nd Feb., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421-2], and acknowledged that they had received the orphan's patrimony from the said John Wodeward.

Fo. ccxxvi.

The same day (23 Feb., 1418-19) the guardianship of Agnes, another daughter of the above William Wynter, together with her patrimony, committed to William Gyles, grocer. Sureties, viz., Alan Brette, brewer, and Richard Welham, "coteller."

Custodia Agnetis filie dicti Will'i Wynter.

Afterwards the said orphan died under age, and on the 2nd Feb., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421-2], came the above executors and acknowledged satisfaction for her patrimony.

The same day (23 Feb., 1418-19) the guardianship of John, another son of the above William Wynter, together with his patrimony, committed to William atte Welle. Sureties, viz., Roger Stoktone, brewer, and John Atherlee, "iremongere."

Custodia Joh'is filii dicti Will'i Wynter.

Afterwards the said orphan died under age, and on the 2nd Feb., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421-2], came the above executors and acknowledged satisfaction for the orphan's patrimony.

The same day (23 Feb., 1418-19) the guardianship of Isabella, another daughter of the above William Wynter, together with her patrimony, committed to Thomas atte Wode, "capper." Sureties, viz., Guy Terry, baker, and John Bartelot, "nettere."

Fo. ccxxvi b.

Custodia Isabelle filie Will'i Wynter.

Afterwards, viz., on the 25th Sept., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], came the above Thomas atte Wode, one of the executors of the above William Wynter, and brought into court the orphan's patrimony (she having died under age), and asked that it might be redelivered to him to dispose of according to the testator's will. His request granted.

*Exon'acio
Hermanni
Stokfisshe
Cissoris.*

28 March, 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], Herman Stokfisshe, tailor, discharged by William Sevenok, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Ric'i Mayn.*

8 May, 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], Richard Mayn, "gurdeler," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Hossey.*

11 May, 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], John Hossey, "ropmaker," similarly discharged for like cause.

*Judicium
pillor' pro
falsis saccis
carbonum.*

For as myche as John Umberghe de Shenfeld in Essex colier þ^t here stant is openly convict by his confessioun made afor þ^e Meir & Aldremen þ^t he in disceyt of þ^e co'e peple haþ sold coles þ^s same year more þan a xii tymes by eche of þes vii sakkis þ^t lyen here byside for sakkis of viii busshels of ful mesure wher in trouþ^e þei conteyne but v, vi, or vii busshels at moost þ^rfor in ensample þ^t al oþ^r shold be ware in tyme comyng of suche falsnes and disceyt The Meir and Aldirmen han awardid hym to stonde here on þe pilory & his sakkis to be brent undur hym.

Fo. ccxxvii.
*Proclama-
cioun of
Romeney &
þordinaunce
therof.*

Proclamation forbidding the counterfeiting of Romeney or any other wine, under penalty of the pillory.¹ Any informer to have a third part of forfeiture for his pains. *English.*

*The jewisse of
þe pillory for
Will' Horold
for fals
Romeney.*

William Horold, "Couper," of Hamptone, condemned to the pillory for counterfeiting Romeney and using gum and resin (*rasene*) on his casks for purpose of adulteration, contrary to the ordinance.² *English.*

Fo. ccxxvii b.

*Br'e d'ni
Regis pro
diversis
summis auri
mutuat' de
radiis
ejusdem.*

Letters patent assigning to the several citizens who had advanced divers sums of money to the King by indenture dated 21 June (*vicesimo primo die Junii*), 1417 (for repayment of which a Spanish sword enriched with gold and jewels had been pledged with them),³ the custom on wool, woolfells, &c., in the Port of London as security in place of the sword, which had been voluntarily surrendered to the King. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, at Westminster, 19 May, 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419].

¹ Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 670-2.
Cf. M. André Simon's 'Hist. of the
Wine Trade in England,' vol. ii.
pp. 295-6.

² 'Memorials,' p. 672.

³ *Vide supra*, pp. 202-3, where the
date appears as 16 (xvi) June.

1 June, 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], ordinance for closing the prison of Ludgate, hitherto used for the confinement of freemen debtors of the City and others convicted of light offences,¹ and for the transfer of prisoners to Newgate.²

Fo. ccxxviii.
*Diffaisance
de la prisone
de Ludgate et
de lez
prison's
dedeins.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation that the truce concluded between the King and the Duke of Brittany, to last until six weeks after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], on the same terms as that made at Alençon on the 16th Nov. [1417], to continue till the following Michaelmas,³ had been extended. Witness J[ohn], Duke of Bedford, &c., 8 Feb., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418-19].

*Br'e de
treugis pro-
clamandis.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation forbidding the exportation of corn without special licence. Witness J[ohn], Duke of Bedford, at Westminster, 9 Feb., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418-19].

*Proclamacio
ne quis
aliquod blad'
ex^a regnum
traduc'.*

Walter Colyer of Chesthunt condemned to the pillory for selling coal in sacks deficient in holding capacity. [No date.]

*Judicium
pillor' pro
fals' saccis
carbon'.*

Masters of Misteries sworn.

Fo. ccxxviii b.

Cordwaners: Andrew Brownyng, John Neuman, William Wesenham, Walter Ledbury sworn 18 July, 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419].

Shermen: John Brit, William Pope, John Briggeham, Matthew Stigan sworn the same day.

Haberdasshers: John Badby, James Bowyer, William Wode-ward, John Shapman sworn 17 Aug., the same year.

Armurers: Thomas Robelard, William Thurstone sworn 11 Oct., the same year.

Dyers: Richard Danyel, William Neubolt, Reginald Andrew, John Bedenhale sworn the same day.

4 April, 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], came Simon Eyr, who had formerly put himself as apprentice to Peter Smart, before William Sevenok, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Hille,

*Admissio
Simonis Eyr
in misteram
Pannarior'.*

¹ See ordinance of 1383. 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 213.

² 'Memorials,' pp. 673-4.

³ Rymer, 'Fœdera,' ix. 527, 613-14.

the Chamberlain, and complained that whereas he had served his term in the hope and expectation of becoming a freeman of the City through the mistery of Drapers, he had recently discovered that his master was free of the mistery of Upholders and not the Drapers, and prayed that he might not be prejudiced by his master's negligence, but might be admitted to the freedom of the mistery of Drapers. His prayer granted.

Fos. ccxxix-
ccxxxi.

*Processus et
recordum int'
cives London'
et Universi-
tatem Cante-
brigg' de feria
de Steres-
bridge.*

Petition presented to the King's Council by the Chancellor and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, to the effect that whereas in the Parliament held at Westminster, anno 5 Richard II. [A.D. 1381], it was decreed that the Chancellor of the said University for the time being should keep the assize of measures and weights, punish offenders, &c., in Cambridge and its suburbs, rendering therefor to the King £10 a year for ever,¹ and whereas, time out of mind, the Chancellor for the time being had always exercised the privilege of committing to prison any one found assaulting a scholar until he gave surety for keeping the peace—the said Chancellor, at the last Fair held at Steresbrigg² in the suburbs of the city, went to John Aylesham and Thomas Catworth,³ grocers of London, who were selling spicery and other merchandise there by weight, and commanded them severally to bring their weights before him to be examined, which they refused to do, but continued to sell their merchandise by weights which had not been assayed, whereby the said merchandise had become forfeited. After the Fair was over, an attempt was made by Thomas Crosse and John Mannyng, scholars of the University, to seize the merchandise that had not been sold, but they were forcibly prevented. Thereupon the

¹ 'Rot. Parl.,' iii. 109.

² A fair formerly held in September of each year at Sturbridge, so called from the little river of Stere, or Sture, flowing into the Cam near Cambridge.

³ Both Aylesham and Catworth had recently been Wardens of the Grocers' Company, the former in

1413, the latter in 1418. Among a number of grocers recorded in 1424 as having incurred fines at Sturbridge Fair, Thomas Catworth appears as having been fined 10s., but we are not told the reason. See Facsimile Grocers' MS. (ed. by the late J. A. Kingdon, 1886), pp. 110, 125, 145.

said Chancellor caused the said John Aylesham and Thomas Catworth to be arrested and committed to the custody of the Sheriff of Cambridgeshire until they should find surety for keeping the peace, and give satisfaction to the said Thomas Crosse¹ and John Mannyng; but the said prisoners were released, notwithstanding such prisoners are never replevishable. The petitioners therefore pray the Council that the said prisoners may be restored to ward and the privileges of the petitioners maintained.

The said John Aylesham and Thomas Catworth came in person and declared that no charter conferred upon the Chancellor and Scholars of the University of Cambridge the right to arrest and commit to prison a layman for assaulting a clerk of the University, or for the Sheriffs of Cambridge or Warden of the Castle there, or the Mayor and Bailiffs of the said vill for the time being, at the bidding of the Chancellor, to take and keep in custody such misdoers without replevin by royal writ or without, &c. They further say that they are citizens of London, and that such citizens from time immemorial had enjoyed the right by charter of appointing their own Wardens to hold pleas at all Fairs in England, except pleas of the Crown, and of surveying weights and measures and punishing offenders at such Fairs, without the intervention of anybody else.² These and other privileges the citizens had enjoyed by virtue of divers charters from the time of King John down to the fifth year of the reign of Richard II., when the Chancellor of the University claims to have obtained the right of assaying and surveying weights and measures by virtue of a grant made with the sanction of a Parliament which also confirmed the City's liberties and customs, the same liberties and customs being afterwards confirmed by charters granted by the King's father as well as

¹ Recorded on fo. ccxxxi as "Gros."

² A similar dispute appears to have arisen in 1384 between the City of London and the University of Cambridge. See Walford's 'Fairs Past and Present,' p. 59. In 1495 the

Goldsmiths' Company had occasion to remonstrate with the Chancellor of the University for causing the seizure of some spoons and "harness." Prideaux, 'Memorials of the Goldsmiths' Company,' i. 32.

by the King himself, which the said John Aylesham and Thomas Catworth produced before the Council. They further say that before the alleged trespass and before the last Fair the Mayor and Aldermen had appointed fellow-citizens to be Wardens at Steresbrigge Fair to assay weights and measures, &c., and that they themselves had been so appointed at the Fair when the alleged trespass occurred, and had explained their position at the time to the Chancellor. They further say that the charter of Richard II. which the Chancellor and Scholars produced in Court was granted by the King with the assent of his lords,¹ and not by the authority of the Parliament anno 5 Richard II., nor was it enrolled in the Rolls of that Parliament. The charter, moreover, declared that the Chancellor and his successors or their deputies should have the assay and supervision of weights and measures, &c., within the said town and suburbs in the same manner as the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Cambridge exercised the same before the charter, and the said John Aylesham and Thomas Catworth say that the said Mayor, &c., never before the charter exercised the aforesaid duties towards citizens of London attending the Fair.

Thereupon the Chancellor and Scholars made protest, and declared that Henry III. had issued letters patent, dated at Westminster, 22 Feb., anno 52 [A.D. 1267-8], to the effect that if any layman inflicted a grievous injury upon a clerk he should be imprisoned until he had given satisfaction; that Edward III. had issued letters to the Mayor and Bailiffs of the town of Cambridge forbidding them to release any prisoner committed by the Chancellor or his deputy pursuant to any writ; that Richard II., in the 5th year of his reign, had granted the privileges which the Chancellor and Scholars claimed with the assent of Parliament, they paying yearly the sum of £10 into the Exchequer; and that by virtue of these grants the Chancellor of the University or his deputy had always exercised these privileges, except at the last Sterisbrigge Fair, in the

¹ As distinguished from those lords | policy, and subsequently became
who were opposed to the King's | known as the "lords appellant."

same manner as the Mayor, Bailiffs, &c., of the town had exercised them before the year 5 Richard II., &c. These and other matters the said Chancellor and Scholars were prepared to prove in such manner as the King's Council might think fit.

Letters patent appointing William Asenhull, Knt., the Sheriff of Cambridge, to undertake the duties at Steresbrigge Fair claimed by the above parties until the matter has been decided. Witness the Warden at Westminster, 13 July, 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419].

Fo. ccxxxi b.

*Commissio
Vic' Cantabr'
pro feria de
Steresbrigge.*

And note that the citizens of London little frequented the said Fair of Steresbrigge lest any hindrance should occur to them by virtue of the above letters, contrary to the liberties they had enjoyed time out of mind, as alleged in the plea of the said citizens.

6 April, 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], came Thomas Piriton, executor of John Mullyng, late "bracyer," and delivered to John Hille, the Chamberlain, the sum of £30, bequeathed by the said John Mullyng to his son Thomas, apprenticed with William Foorde, draper, to hold in trust for the said son.

Fo. ccxxxii.

Afterwards, viz., on the 20th April, the same year, the above money was delivered by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons (?) to Simon Eyr, draper, who married Katherine, the orphan's sister, in trust for the said orphan. Sureties, viz., William Foorde, draper, and Robert Coventre, grocer.

Indenture of lease by William Sevenok, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty to Henry Hornytoft, haberdasher, John Basset, brewer, and Sir Walter Frost, chaplain, of a vacant plot of land for building purposes in the parish of St. Sepulchre without Neugate, near the common foss called Houndesdicke, for a term of 60 years at an annual rent of 10s., possession of the land to be resumed by the lessors, if necessary, in time of war, &c. Dated the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419].

¹ In 1360 we again find Hounds-
ditch recorded as situate between
Ludgate and Newgate—far from the

locality known by the name at the
present day. 'Cal. Letter-Book G,'
p. 121.

Fo. ccxxxii b. Letter of John Bartone, senior, Recorder of the City, to the Prioress and Convent of St. Helen, London, presenting Robert Manyngtre, chaplain, to the chantry founded in the church of St. Helen by Walter de Byllyngham, and charging the said Prioress to pay the said Robert an annual sum of 7 marks pursuant to the will of the founder.¹ Dated 20 June, A.D. 1419.

L'ra p'sentacionis Rob'ti Manyngtre per Recordatorem London' ad Cantar' in eccl'ia Sancte Elene pro anima Walt'i de Billyngham.

Comissio d'ni Regis facta Will'o Sevenoke et al' ad audiend' et terminand' de omnimodis prodicionib' felonis et transgr' etc. Letters patent appointing William Sevenoke, the Mayor, William Hankeford, Knt., William Cheyne, and John Cokayn, or any three or two of them, to be Justices for hearing and determining according to the law and custom of the realm all treasons, felonies, &c., committed within the City and its liberties. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, 14 July, 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419].

Fo. ccxxxiii. Order by the above Justices to the Sheriffs to cause a jury of 24 citizens to carry out the above commission. Dated 23 July, 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419].

Mandatum sup' commissione predicta.

Fos. ccxxxiii-ccxxxiv. Pleas at Westminster before Richard Nortone and his fellow-justices of the King's Bench, Trinity Term, 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420].

William Sevenoke, grocer, summoned to answer William Haute, Esq., and Margaret his wife, touching the giving up to them of William, son of John Bryan, the guardianship of whom belongs to the said William and Margaret, inasmuch as the said John held land of the said Margaret by homage, fealty, and scutage of the lord the King, viz. a messuage and land in Tirefeld [co. Bucks], and died in the said homage, whereby the guardianship aforesaid devolved upon them; but they had been deprived of it by the said William Sevenoke.

The said William Sevenoke came and denied the truth of the above statements, and claimed that the said William Haute and Margaret his wife had no right of action against him, inasmuch as it was one of the immemorial customs of the City,

¹ Cf. *supra*, p. 202.

which every Alderman on entering office was bound by oath to maintain, that when any lands, tenements, or rents of a free man or free woman within the said City and suburbs descended to an heir under age, or were so left by will, the Provost (*Prepositus*), Aldermen, Chamberlain, citizens, and commonalty of the City before the creation of a Mayor, and after his creation the Mayor, Aldermen, and the rest, or the Warden in place of the Mayor, had been ever accustomed to have the marriage and guardianship of such heir to their own use immediately after the decease of his ancestor, although his father or mother might still be living, as well as the lands, &c., of the same, to hold in trust until the said heir should come to full age, unless the said free man or free woman died seised of lands, tenements, or rents held of the King or some one else *in capite* by knight service; and further that the said Provost, Mayor, or Warden, and the rest, had ever been accustomed to grant the guardianship of such persons and their property to their nearest friends or others, as they thought fit, on the said guardians finding suitable security for duly executing their duties, &c. He further says that Johanna Fastolf,¹ a free woman of the City, at the time of death was seised in demesne as of fee of three messuages in London, viz.: one in the parish of St. Stephen, in the Ward of "Colmonstrete," another in the parish of St. Laurence, in Old Jewry, in the Ward of Chepe, and another in the parish of St. Mary de Bothehawe, in the Ward of Walbroke; and was not seised of any property held of the King *in capite* by knight service. The aforesaid John Bryan having survived the said Johanna, the said messuages descended to William his son, as kinsman and heir of the said Johanna, viz., as son of Johanna, a free woman at the time of her death, daughter of the aforesaid Johanna, also a free woman of the City.

Whereupon, on the 10th Jan., 5 Henry V. [A.D. 1417-18], in the said parish of St. Laurence in Old Jewry, Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, William Harwedone the Prior of the church of

¹ The will of Johanna Fastolf, a widow, dated 13 Sept., 1417, was enrolled in the Husting in Jan., 1420, but there is nothing in it to show any connexion of the testatrix with John Bryan. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 419.

Holy Trinity, Richard Whityngton, Thomas Knolles, Robert Chichele, William Walderne, William Cromere, Thomas Fauconer, Nicholas Wottone, Henry Bartone, William Sevenok, William Chichele, William Louthe, William Nortone, John Reynwell, Thomas Pyke, John Penne, Thomas Aleyn, John Michell, William Cauntbrigge, Ralph Bartone, John Perneys, Alan Everard, and John Gedney, Aldermen, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, seized the guardianship of the said heir and his messuages as belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen, Chamberlain, citizens, and commonalty of the City, according to custom, during the lifetime of the said John Bryan, as they were allowed to do, and the same estate in the said guardianship was then held by William Sevenok. All of which the said William Sevenok was prepared to prove. Wherefore he prayed judgment as to whether the said William Haute and Margaret had a right of action. *Cur. ad. vult.*

Fo. ccxxxiv b.

*Proclamacio
de treugis.*

Writ to the Sheriff to make proclamation of the truce with the Duke of Brittany having been extended until the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.] next.¹ Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, at Leycestre, 2 Sept., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418].

*Bille de duab'
xvijs cuil't
Aldr'o misse.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to cause a sum equal to two fifteenths to be levied in their Wards—the said sum having been granted to the King at a Common Council held at the Guildhall on Saturday the 29th July last—and to bring the money to the Guildhall by the 6th August next. Dated 31 July [A.D. 1419].

*Ordinacio de
Salters etc.*

Saturday, 4 Feb., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418-19], the conflict between the members of the respective misteries of Salters and Talghchaundellers arising out of the claim by the Chandlers to assay weights and measures used by Salters was composed by William Sevenok, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, on the following terms, viz., that good men of the mistery of Salters, annually elected by the Masters or Wardens, should exercise thenceforth the right of assaying all weights and measures used for buying and selling within the said mistery

¹ Rymer, 'Foedera,' ix. 613-14; *cf. supra*, p. 215.

of Salters whenever deemed necessary or useful, and also of surveying all goods and merchandise exposed for sale within the said mistery, in as good and peaceable a manner as men of other misteries perform the duty, &c.

8 Aug., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], Thomas Clerk, tailor, discharged by William Sevenok, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Thome Clerk
civis et
Cissoris
London'.*

24 Aug., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], John Wode, "hurer," similarly discharged for like cause.

Fo. ccxxxv.
*Exoneracio
Joh'is Wode
civis et Hurer
London'.*

21 Aug., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], came good men of the mistery of "Lennenwevers" of England, and presented to the Mayor and Aldermen certain articles for the government of their mistery, the Wardens of which had never been allowed to search and correct defects as in other misteries. The articles submitted for approval were to the following effect, viz.:—

*Ordinacio de
Lynenwevers
Anglic'.*

1. That their Wardens might thenceforth have the right of search.

2. That members of the mistery sell only good and serviceable "estuff," under penalty prescribed.

3. That members shall not send their work to any fair or market outside the City before such work has been tested and approved by the Wardens, under penalty of forfeiture.

4. That no member take any servant or journeyman from the service of another before the term of service be ended.

5. That no servant or journeyman who has a difference with his master be taken into the service of another until such difference be settled.

6. That any who rebel against the Wardens be punished as of old recorded.

The above articles approved.

Fo. ccxxxv b.

9 Sept., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], Richard Herlawe, hurer, discharged by William Sevenok, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, owing to his suffering from fistula¹ and other infirmities.

*Exoneracio
Ric'i Herlawe
civis et Hurer
London'.*

¹ *Propter morbum fistulaticum quem continuo patitur in posterioribus.*

*Exoneracio
Joh'is Martyn
civis et
Allutarii
London'.*

1 Oct., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], John Martyn, cordwainer, similarly discharged, owing to increasing old age.

*Concess' est
per Maiorem
et Aldr' q'd
parcell'
Th' Catworth
et Joh'is
Aylesham
examinent'
et debita fiat
allocac' de
eisdem.*

Thursday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], ordinance by William Sevenok, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty, in Common Council, to the effect that particulars of expenses incurred by John Aylesham and Thomas Catworth, grocers, in protecting the City's liberty touching the yearly appointment of Wardens in Sterisbrigge Fair in the same manner as in other fairs in England, &c., and of holding a Court to survey weights and measures and settle disputes, &c., should be examined by the Auditors of the Chamber and the Bridge, &c., in their next account, &c., and that the amount found still due be paid to the said John Aylesham and Thomas Catworth by the Chamberlain, viz., one moiety at Michaelmas, 1420, and the other at Michaelmas, 1421.

Fo. ccxxxvi.
*L'ra Regis
missa Maiori
et Alder-
mannis et
co'ib'.*

Letter from the King to the Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City announcing the capture of Pontoise. Dated at "Mant," 5 Aug. [A.D. 1419].¹

Reply to the above, under the Mayoralty Seal. Dated 6 Sept. [A.D. 1419].²

*Exon'acio
Joh'is French
civis et
Copersmyth
London'.*

16 Sept., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], John Frenche, "coper-smyth," discharged by William Sevenok, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. ccxxxvi b.
*A lettre fro þe
Duk of
Clarence to þe
Mair and
Aldremen.*

Letter from the Duke of Clarence to the Mayor and Aldermen announcing the capture of Pontoise. Dated at "Maunt," 5 Aug. [A.D. 1419].³

*Answer unto
þe said lettre.*

Reply to the above under the Mayoralty Seal. Dated 6 Sept. [A.D. 1419].

¹ Printed in Sharpe's 'London and the Kingdom,' vol. iii. p. 362. Cf. Delpit, p. 227.

² Printed *ibid.*, pp. 362-3. Cf. Delpit, p. 228.

³ This letter, together with reply thereto, will also be found printed in Sharpe's 'London and the Kingdom,' vol. iii. pp. 364-5. Cf. Delpit, pp. 227-8, 229.

23 June, 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], Richard Osbarn, one of the executors of Robert Odyham, late grocer, delivered to John Hille, the Chamberlain, the sum of £60 belonging to William and James, sons of the said Robert, issuing from the sale of lands and tenements belonging to their late father in the county of Kent.¹ Afterwards the said money, together with a further sum of £12 accruing to the said William and James by the death of two other children [not named], was delivered by William Sevenok, the Mayor, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, with the assent of Johanna, widow of the said Robert, to John Maldone, grocer. Sureties, viz., John Pitman, John Asshewelle, John Olyve, Ralph Hoggeman, Thomas Lecche, and Richard Bulwyk, grocers.

*Custodia
Will'i et
Jacobi pueror'
Rob'ti Odyham
commissa Joh'i
Maldone civi
et Grocero
London'.*

Letter from the King to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, thanking them for their promised aid, and bidding them to follow the advice of his "brother of Bedford," the Chancellor. Dated at Pontoise, 17 Aug. [A.D. 1419].

Fo. ccxxxvii.

*A l're fro þe
Kyng to þe
Mair, Aldre-
men and
Communes.*

The above letter having fallen into the hands of the enemy, as it was rumoured, the King sends another letter to the same effect from Trie le Chastel, the 12th Sept.²

Letters patent of safe-conduct for merchants of Venice trading with England for the term of one year. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, at Westminster, 3 April, 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419].

Fo. ccxxxvii b.

*Salvus
Conductus
Venecianor'.*

Wednesday, the last day of April,³ 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], ordinance by William Sevenok, the Mayor, and the Aldermen forbidding any valet or other servant of the Mayor, Sheriffs, or the City thenceforth to beg for money from tradespeople at Christmastime under colour of an "oblation," as heretofore they had been accustomed to do with threats or promises.

Fo. ccxxxviii.

*Qd valetti
Maioris vic'
aut Cam'e de
cetero non
circumvagant
ad mendicand'
sicut hactenus
facere consue-
verunt etc.*

¹ By his will, proved and enrolled in the Husting, his manor of Newland, in the parish of "Tenham," co. Kent, was ordered to be sold. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 408.

² The letter is set out in 'Memorials,'

pp. 674-5. Cf. Tyler's 'Memoirs of Henry V.,' ii. 256-7; Delpit, pp. 229-30.

³ The last day of April, 1419, fell on a Sunday. Possibly the scribe intended to write the last day of May, which fell on a Wednesday.

*Eleccio
Johannis Botiller
et Rob'ti
Whittingham
Vicecom'
London'.*

Thursday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], in the presence of William Sevenok, Mayor, John Bartone, the Recorder, Richard Whitingtone, Richard Merlawe, William Walderne, William Crowmere, Robert Chichele, Thomas Fauconer, Nicholas Wottone, Henry Bartone, William Nortone, John Penne, John Reinwelle, Thomas Aleyn, William Chichele, John Gedney, Robert Whittingham, Aldermen, John Perneys and Ralph Bartone, the Sheriffs, and very many Commoners summoned to the Guildhall for the election of Sheriffs, John "Boteler," mercer and Commoner, was elected one of the Sheriffs by the Mayor, and Robert Whittingham, draper and Alderman, was elected the other Sheriff by the Commonalty.

*Cam'ar' et
Mag'ri Pont'
electi.*

The same day John Hille, fishmonger, was elected Chamberlain; John Westone and Nicholas James were elected Wardens of London Bridge; and John Reinwelle, John Gedney, Aldermen, and John Beterenden, Thomas Dufhous, John Tredewy, and John Sadeller, Commoners, were elected Auditors of the account of the Chamberlain and the Wardens of London Bridge.

*Auditores
electi' ad
audiendum
Compot' Cam'e
et Pontis.*

Afterwards, viz., on the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], the said Sheriffs were sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow of the said Feast were admitted before the Barons of the Exchequer.

Fo. ccxxxviii b.

*Feodum concessum
Joh'i Credi ad
terminum vite.*

Thursday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], a grant by William Sevenok, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty in Common Council assembled to John Credi, Esquire to the Mayor, of an annuity of 40s., together with the clothing or livery of the City, as often as Serjeants of the Chamber receive it, in recognition of his long service.

*Eleccio Ricardi
Whityngtone
in Maiorem
London'.*

Friday the Feast of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], after celebration of Mass in the Guildhall Chapel, pursuant to the ordinance made during the Mayoralty of John Wodecote, in the presence of William Sevenok, the Mayor, John [Barton], the Recorder, Richard Whitingtone, Thomas Knolles, Richard Merlawe, Robert Chichele, William Walderne, William Crowmer, Thomas Fauconer, Nicholas Wottone, Henry Bartone, Thomas Aleyn, John Michel, John

Gedney, Thomas Pyke, William Chichele, John Penne, William Nortone, John Reynewelle, John Perneys, Ralph Bartone, Robert Wydyngton, John Standelf, Aldermen, Robert Whitingham and John Boteler, Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty summoned to the Guildhall for the election of a Mayor—Richard Whitingtone was elected Mayor for the year ensuing.

Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], he was sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow of the said Feast was presented, admitted, and accepted, &c.¹ [*sic*], before the Barons of the Exchequer.

Saturday the 2nd Nov.² [A.D. 1419], ordinance by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen for the re-establishment of Ludgate as a prison for freemen and all others whom the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs or Chamberlain think fit to send there.³

*Reformacioun
et Renovell-
acioun de la
Prisoun
de Ludgate.*

Doubts having arisen as to the quantity comprised in a wey of salt and the amount to be paid for measuring the same, as well as by whom it should be paid, it was ordained on Friday the Feast of Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], by William Sevenok, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, after examination of the records of the City, that a wey of salt should contain 5 full quarters according to the King's standard, and that for the future the measurer of salt within the City for the time being should take for measuring a wey of salt 4 pence and no more, the same to be paid by the seller and not by the buyer.

Fo. cccxxxix.

*Ordinacio
quantum dabi-
tur pro mesu-
ragio Waye
salis.*

Inquisition taken⁴ at the Gaol of Neugate before the Mayor and William Hankeford, Justices, on Tuesday the Feast of St. James [25 July], 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], by oath of Thomas Lecche, William Attewode, Richard Hatfield, John de Bury,

Fo. cccxxxix-
ccxl b.

¹ Note again the omission of the new Mayor being *sworn* before the Barons of the Exchequer, as was the regular custom. Cf. *supra*, p. 206n.

² Here again there appears to be some mistake, the 2nd Nov., 1419,

falling on *Thursday*, not Saturday. Possibly it is a mistake for the 2nd *December*, which was a Saturday.

³ 'Memorials,' p. 677.

⁴ Pursuant to commission dated 14 July. *Supra*, p. 220.

John Burford, John Hiltone, Henry Lymbergh, John Southmede, Richard Rowdone, Hugh Glene, John Salter, Thomas Webulle, John Quyntyn, James Bowyer, and John Baldok, who say that during the King's absence abroad Roger Olyver, son of John Olyver, late draper, John Russell, of "Ceston," co. Leices., "Groceresman," otherwise known as John Russell, "sumtyme clerk convyct," and other accomplices, to the number of twenty and more, had been contriving the King's overthrow and death for the space of a quarter of a year, at Ludgate, in the parish of St. Martin, in the Ward of Farringdon Within, and that on Monday after the Feast of St. Cuthbert [20 March], anno 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], they forged an indictment before John Haukeswelle, one of the King's Coroners in the County of York, upon view of the bodies of John Tollerton, Thomas Whithill, John Payn, Robert Galtres, and Nicholas Potte, alleging that the indictment had been taken before the aforesaid Coroner at "Gisburgh," in Clyveland, co. York, by oath of Thomas Levertone, Philip Burgh, Roger Biland, Adam Litstere, William Frank, William Pounde, Nicholas Lyndesey, Hugh Creyke, Walter Holme, Alexander Hotone, John Yaron, and Gilbert Ripon, who ought to have said (*dixisse debuissent*) that on the last day of January, anno 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407-8], certain robbers (who declared that Richard, the late King, was alive and well, and would enter England within three days, and would join Henry Percy, late Earl of Northumberland),¹ viz.: Lewis Byford, formerly Bishop of Bangor,² John Brodyngge, draper, Richard Thame, Robert Payn of "Wemendham," Benedict Wylman, John Salter, senior, draper, of Hadley, co. Suffolk, John Sergeaunte, armourer, Michael Turke, "osteler," Thomas Deth,

¹ Early in 1408 the old Earl of Northumberland made a final effort to dethrone Henry IV., but was defeated and killed in battle on the 19th February on Bramham Moor, in Yorkshire, by Sir Thomas Rokeby, at the head of the forces of the shire.

² Elected to succeed Richard Young

on the latter's translation to Rochester in 1404, but his appointment not having been confirmed by the King or Pope, he had been ejected in 1408. He had been made prisoner the day that the Earl of Northumberland was defeated and killed. Walsingham, ii. 278.

“boteman,” Simon Bartelot, Alexander Heed, “wexchaundeler,” William Fox, William Wevertone of “Okham,” baker, Thomas Johansone, Thomas Burgh, clerk, Richard Jepe, clerk, Peter Gevyn, clerk, Thomas Rome of “Northwythom,” John Dekene, “bochier,” Thomas Power, Thomas Palmere, “hostiller,” Thomas Langeford, Laurence Sely, John Sturmyn, Adam Waryn, “skynner,” William White, John Plouman, Hugh Kynder, “taillour,” Robert Sazacrely, Robert Faman, draper, Henry Gowe, “wexchaundeler,” Thomas Burton, Thomas Lynford, John Orlandyn, Philip Sacy, Philip de Albertis, William Burtone, merchants, John Gamelyn, Bertram Cleyhorst, “duche-man,” Roger Batte, “Fraciscus Lodewys,” John Hildy, “pulter,” John Taseburgh, stockfishmonger, John Sadeler, “vynter,” Richard Gebon of “Brandonferye,” Thomas Wandisford, mercer, William Olyver, grocer, Ralph Stoke, Thomas Broun, merchant, William Bronnyng, Walter Cursaunt, Ralph Silkestone, “vynter,” William Sellerer, “wyredrawer,” Walter Love, John Sherman, senior, of “Hornden,” John Silkestone, “tapisere,” Robert Arnold, felmonger, William Kent, cordwainer, John Hyde, late apprentice to the drapers’ craft, John Lane, and William Jonesone, with many other associates—offered resistance to Ralph Bulmer, Knt., and a hundred other lawful Bailiffs of the King, and killed the aforesaid John Tollerton, Thomas Whithull, John Payn, Robert Galtrees, and Nicholas Potte, and afterwards fled the country; whereas in real truth nothing of the kind had taken place, no such jurors existed within the county of York, and nobody had been killed; that subsequently the said Roger Olyver and John Russell, with the view of raising an insurrection within the City of London, had sued out a writ from the King’s Chancery for the Coroners of the County of York to send the indictment before the King at Westminster, which writ they falsely endorsed without the knowledge of John Haukeswelle, the Coroner, and fastened to the indictment, and delivered them into the King’s Bench by the hand of a certain John Aysshe, whereby all those who were indicted had been put in *exigent* for outlawry, and their goods and chattels

would have become forfeited to the King, had not the treachery been discovered, and that William, son of John Andre, of London, "Thecchere," was an aider and abettor. They further say that the said Roger Olyver and John Russell oftentimes between the 5 Sept., 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], and the 8 Oct., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418], clipped the King's coin, and put it in circulation in the City. They further say that Thomas Broun, of London, "Breueresman," on the 25 July, 7 [*sic*] Henry V. [A.D. 1419], forcibly entered the house of Richard Elyot, "blad-smith," in the parish of St. Sepulchre, and feloniously robbed him of goods. Precept was therefore issued to the Sheriffs to take the said Roger Olyver, John Russell, John [*sic*] Andre, and Thomas Broun, and bring them before the aforesaid Justices at Neugate, on Wednesday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], on which day the said Roger Olyver and John Russell appeared before the Mayor and William Hankeford, the Justices; but John Andre and Thomas Broun failed to appear, not having been taken by the Sheriffs. Upon being questioned as to their defence, the said Roger Olyver pleaded that the indictment against him was not sufficient, as it did not specify the manner in which he was said to have compassed the King's death, whether by poison, magic, or other spiritual machination, and as to clipping coin he said he was not guilty. As to his having conspired to forge an indictment, he confesses that whilst suffering imprisonment in the King's prison of Ludgate, and loaded with fetters on the charge of his having betrayed the town of Harflew, there came to him the aforesaid John Russell, who promised to assist in obtaining his release. Thereupon the said Roger and John conspired to forge an indictment against certain persons named by the said John, who promised the said Roger the sum of four marks for his assistance. The said Roger further confessed to forging a document at the instigation of Roger Lawsele, parson of the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Frydaistrete. For all of which the said Roger acknowledged his penitence, and asked mercy.

And the said John Russell declared himself guiltless of the charges of treason and put himself on the country, but as to the

forgery, he could not deny it. Judgment deferred, the prisoners being re-committed to gaol, in the custody of Ralph Bartone and John Perneys, the Sheriffs, &c.

4 Dec., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], came Thomas Hasley and Richard Osborn, executors of John Shawe, late vintner, and delivered to John Hille, the Chamberlain, the sum of £20 in trust for William, son of the said John Shawe, aged 17½ years.

Fo. ccxli.

*Lib'acio £xx
facta Cam'ar'
per exec' J.
Shawe pro
Will'o fil'
dicti Joh'is.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 6th Dec., the same year, came the above William before Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen and signified his wish to enter the Order of Black Monks in the Abbey of St. Alban, and that the above money might be expended on his becoming professed. The will of the said John Shawe being examined, it was found that the said sum of £20 was to be divided among his surviving children in the event of the said William dying under age. Nevertheless, the said Mayor and Aldermen acceded to the request of the said William, on his finding surety for refunding the money in case of his death under age, or of his leaving the said House and Order before becoming professed.

10 Dec., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419], John Tingeldene, William Whetnale, Thomas Hamptone, grocers, and Thomas Stanes, draper, enter into bond with John Hille, the Chamberlain, on behalf of the above William Shawe.

2 Sept., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], grant by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen to William "Wilkoc," of the office of measuring oysters at Queenhithe, in acknowledgment of his long services with divers Serjeants-at-arms of the City. To hold the same during good behaviour, and to receive the customary remuneration, besides being bound to suspend a cloth over the Mayor and Aldermen when going to hear sermons in St. Paul's Churchyard, whenever necessary.

*Assaium
Ostriar' et
Muscular'
concessa [sic]
Will'o Wilcok
yoman.*

*Suspens'
panni pro ces-
sione Maior'
et Aldror' ad
predicaciones.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 4th March, 23 Henry VI. [A.D. 1444-5], Henry Frowik, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, granted the above William "Wilkok" the assay of oysters and mussels at the port of Queenhithe on similar terms.

Fo. ccxli b. 13 Feb., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419-20], the guardianship of Richard, son of Richard Fitz Andrew, late fishmonger, together with his patrimony, committed by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to Agnes the orphan's mother. Sureties, viz., John Arnold, "curreour," and William Render, "barbour."

Afterwards, viz., on the 20th March, 4 Henry VI. [A.D. 1425-6], came the above orphan before John Coventre, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and received his patrimony from John Bederenden, the Chamberlain.

*Proclamac' pro
victualib' sine
custum' versus
Normann'
deferend'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation that those who were willing to send victuals to Normandy for the relief of the King and his army might do so without paying any impost or freightage (*carcagio*), on their finding security against the victuals being exported for other purposes. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, at Westminster, 7 Nov., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419].¹

*Proclamac'
continuac'
treugar' int'
Angl' et
Flandriam.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of the truce between England and Flanders having been prolonged. Witness Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, Warden of England, at Westminster, 20 Jan., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419-20].²

Fo. ccxlii.
*Exon'ac Joh'is
Shirlok de
London Sadil-
ler ab assis'.*

28 March, 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], John Shirlok, saddler, discharged by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'ac Petri
"Michel-
bandue" allutar'
ab assis'.*

1 Aug., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], Peter "de Muchelbanduue," cordwainer, similarly discharged for like cause.

Fo. ccxlii b.

Ordinance by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, with the assent of the Commons, enforcing by penalties the ordinance made during the Mayoralty of William Staundon, anno 9 Henry IV., touching vessels used by brewers being first marked by the Chamberlain's deputy to show their capacity.³

¹ Set out by Jules Delpit, *op. cit.*, p. 230.

² Rymer, 'Fœdera.' ix. 851-2. On the 12th Jan., 1420, the truce had

been prolonged until the following 1st Nov. *Id.*, ix. 843-7.

³ *Ide supra*, p. 63.

Also, whereas it had been formerly established that no brewer, hosteler, huckster, cook, or piebaker, should sell a gallon of best beer within their houses for more than 2 pence by marked measure, and outside their houses for more than $1\frac{1}{2}d.$, many brewers, &c., nevertheless sell a gallon of best beer for 3 pence, 4 pence, and 5 pence, and by "hanaps," and not by the gallon, "potel," or quart duly sealed, and, further, they daily make and sell outside their houses, for $1\frac{1}{2}d.$, an inferior beer which they sell within their houses for 2 pence, contrary to the ordinance aforesaid—it was therefore ordained by the said Mayor and Aldermen in this present Common Council that those found acting contrary to the said ordinance shall forfeit their beer and vessels and be committed to prison, the informer getting half of the forfeiture.

It was also ordained that this ordinance might be amended by the Mayor and Aldermen in time to come, if it proved to be too rigorous.

The above ordinance was passed by the Mayor and Aldermen, and at the instance of all persons using the mistery of Brewers within the City and suburbs, whose names were submitted to the Court on a roll of paper by the Masters, Wardens, and other good folk of the Mistery.

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The Names of Brewers within the Liberties of the City of London.

John Ketyng, William Boteler, George Spynal, John Freke, John Norman, Robert Dorwell, Robert Pede, Thomas Yole, John Bailly, John Basset, Hugh Glene, Roger Swannesfeld, John Mayn, Richard Shirwod, William Payn, Davy Soys, William Jurdan, John Canoun, William Barte, John Cheseman, John Chambre, Peter Ros, John Robert, John Oseye, John Catour, John Faman, John Samme, Richard Hehecok, William Termeday, John Hosyer, Richard Lucas, John Dunche, Johanna Scot, Roger Baron, Simon Potkyn, John Haverille, William Marke, Thomas Lodyngtone, Thomas de Kent, Thomas Webbe, Richard Harlowe, John Salman, Davy Brounyng, John Randolf, John Carletone, Nicholas Fullere, John Stokes, Lucy Streteman, Robert Elken, Robert Carpenter, Laurence Davy, John The-

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baude, Simon Petevyn, William Bolton, William Robert, William Bernard, Thomas Penson, John Refhawe, William Belle, Richard Kilsole, Henry Serle, William John, Adam Copendale, John Cornvile, Robert Smyth, Robert Tanner, John William, Philip Dawe, John Brokere, William Bracy, Nicholas Kene, John Brewster, John Rothyng, Thomas Attewode, Thomas Kebel, John Bate, John Reynere, Alexander Miles, Elena Darlyng, William Crane, Nicholas Yonge, Margaret Stoket, Philip James, William Edrych, Robert Lynford, John Stone, John Broke, John Merstone, William Harry, John Waghorn, John Caryen, John Amwell, William Smalsho, Thomas Brevyan, John Heley, William Attewelle, John Lucas, William Knot, James Levegro, Millen Borgh, Roger Ware, *alias* Riche, Robert Walram, *alias* Mason, John Canoun, Beatrix Tye, widow, Richard Crosse, Thomas Hancock, William Ferroure, Robert Coventre, Nicholas "Agon Mailok," Robert Maylond, John Russell, Walter Copsey, John Quyntyn, John Clerk, John Turvey, Henry Bedel, Thomas Grene, John More, Thomas Botelmakere, William Attewode, Piers Carpenter, Nicholas Aleyn, Richard Frepurs, James Yetcombe, Richard Aleyn, Cristiana Bekeswelle, widow, Thomas Aleyn, John Grymmesby, William Illyng, John Parys, "cordwaner," William Mymmes, William Mymcam, Alice Gayton, widow, John Goldryng, John Ratford, John Erle, *alias* Lumberd, John Thetford, Thomas Hanchere, Walter Broun, William Gedeney, John Horold, William Geffrey, Cecilia Raff, Robert Giles, Stephen Roo, Margaret Nightyngale, Alan Johan, John Pegeyn, Richard Flete, Robert Bateman, Robert Franc, John Aleyn, Henry Grene, John Riche, Katherine Roche, widow, Margaret Leonard, *alias* Pyle, John Miles, Henry Trebolans, Gilbert Wodeford, Richard Wightmore, Thomas Godyng, Hugh Neel, Thomas Gratley, John Sturmyn, Margaret Setyngbourne, William Busshe, John Rowland, John Aleyn, Thomas Dryffeld, Thomas Colshill, William Hille, Thomas Edmond, Peter Hayford, John Lynne, Robert Squyer, John Snelle, Walter Hunspell, William Mascall, John Burford, Richard Attecroune, John Hille, Thomas Nownzeglis (?), William Ogle, John Grymmesby, John

Hardyng, John Kenaky, Morice Travail, William Cardel, Robert Staple, Richard Hercy, John Tregelowe, Richard Waltham, John Lutone, Thomas Osbarne, Walter Glyn, John Heylond, John Salter, Michael Tregenon, John More, Philip Richard, John Wodelond, John Aysshe, John Laurence, Thomas Ayle, John Masone, Katherine Pynchebec, Augustine Hanwell, Michael Eve, John Chirchesey, John Thomas, William Andreu, Walter Cook, John Hille, Reginald Brook, John Humber, William Repon, John Davy, John Riche, "taillour," Henry Sadelere, John Ballard, Robert Wandelyng, John Trum, Alexander Marcowe, John Gryffyn, Reginald Becham, John Riche, junior, John Parkere, John Serle, William Englisshe, Elyas Herdyll, John Chapman, John Sherman, John Petevyle, John Nasyng, Simon Attewelle, John Spencer, John Palmer, Agnes Riche, Thomas Martyn, Simon Kyng, Robert Wayn, Richard Terell, Thomas Aleyn, "smyth," Gilbert Boton', Thomas Botelere, Nicholas Muriel, Thomas Wegge, Michael Trerys, John Castone, John Mockyng, John Aleyn, Ralph Palmere, Henry Fereby, William Fox, John Benge, Richard Neuman, William Bacon, Roger Blissote, John Westyerd, Thomas Wermyngtone, William Andrewe, Robert Hiltone, Richard Spray, Constance Hosard, Alice Draytone, John Frost, John Neuman, Peter Short, Henry Lymber, John Stauntone, John Farneborgh, John Yver, John Steele, "corsour," Agnes West, Robert Bullard, John Brocour, John Bedford, John Toke, Thomas Nortone, Richard Rowedone, William Bailly, John Penverne, Philip Porcelle, John Holbec, William Coule, Alice Gildesborgh, Matilda Rolf, Stephen Bugge, Juliana Hetercete, Ralph Marke.

18 Jan., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419-20], petition to Richard Whitingtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, by all persons using the mistery of Brewers in the City, praying them to amend the good ordinance made in the time of John Wodecok,¹ to the following effect:—

(1) That all "Coupers" be charged and sworn to examine all barrels and kilderkins of brewers and other customers, and

Fo. ccxliv b.

*Peticio
Braciator' por-
recta Maiori
et Alder-
mannis.*

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 50.

to break up those that they find to be false, and to mark those that are true with their own marks entered and enrolled before the Mayor and Aldermen; and, further, that they be charged not to mark any barrel containing less than 30 gallons, or any kilderkin of less than 15 gallons.

(2) That brewers may be allowed to sell their ale retail in small measures, viz., gallons, "potels," and quarts, at 2 pence a gallon, as well within their houses as without.

(3) That in order that such measures should be just, the Masters and Wardens of the said Mistery be sworn before the Mayor and Aldermen to see that good and clear ale be sold by just measure at the price fixed yearly by the Mayor, or at a reasonable price at their discretion; and, further, that the said Masters present defaulters to the Chamberlain, and be punished at the discretion of the Mayor and Aldermen if they show favour or hate to any one, or be negligent in their duties.

Thereupon it was ordained that the ordinance made in the time of John Wodecok's Mayoralty should continue provisionally in force until Easter next, and then be further considered.

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And as touching the first article of the petition, the same is agreed to on condition that Brewers incur the same penalties as "Coupers" if found using vessels that are not marked, and that they make a rebate for the dregs (*les feces*) of two gallons on a barrel and one gallon on a kilderkin, more or less, and incur the same penalty as is prescribed by the ordinance of William Staundone made anno 9 Henry IV., and lately confirmed by the last Common Council.

And as to the second article, to the effect that Brewers may sell by retail a gallon of their best ale, both within and without their houses, by the gallon, "potel," and quart at 2 pence the gallon, the Court refuses its consent, inasmuch as the selling of the best ale outside their houses by retail at 2 pence the gallon would be contrary to the order of the last Common Council, for they must sell their best ale, wholesale or retail, outside their houses at $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ the gallon. The Court, however, was willing to modify the penalty imposed at the said Common Council in the following manner, viz., that instead of imprison-

ment and forfeiture of vessel and value of the ale at every default, the defaulter shall be amerced at the discretion of the Mayor and Aldermen, and this modification is granted on condition that brewers, hostelers, cooks, and piebakers sell their ale by full measure in sealed gallons, "potels," and quarts, and not by "hanaps," and do not charge more than $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ a gallon for their best ale (the same being sold at 2 pence a gallon within their houses) to any one wishing to have more than a gallon.

And as to the third article, touching the right of search, &c., by the Masters and Wardens, the said Mayor and Aldermen give their consent.

27 Jan., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419-20], ordinance by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen (who were desirous to revive and enforce the ordinance for marking barrels and kilderkins made during the Mayoralty of William Staundone), to the effect that every "couper" within the liberty of London should have his own ironmark or sign for marking such vessels, and have the same entered on record under penalty of paying £10 to the Chamber; provided that no barrel be marked unless it contain 30 gallons and no kilderkin unless it contain 15 gallons, under penalty of paying 40s. for the use of the Commonalty, every brewer being liable to the same penalty if he sold ale in vessels that were not so marked.¹

Fo. ccxlv b.

*Ordenaunce
fait sur les
Coupers pur
mercher des
barelx et kil-
derk et certain
peyn sur ce.*

Pursuant to the above ordinance, the "Coupers" residing within the franchise of the City were to present to the Court within 14 days their marks, made of iron, to be there recorded. The names of such "Coupers" and their respective marks² are as follows:—

Fo. ccxlv i.

¹ Printed in 'Historical Memoranda, &c., of the Coopers' Company, 1396-1848,' by James F. Firth (1848), pp. 9-10. Eight of the Coopers' marks recorded in facsimile in the Letter-Book are reproduced in

the same work, and also in the late Sir Walter Besant's 'Mediaeval London: Ecclesiastical,' vol. ii. p. 114.

² More Coopers' marks are entered in Letter-Book K, fo. 100.

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ccxvii.

The Marks of the following Coopers.

John Golenge, John Alchon, John Trendelere, Thomas Alfrend, John Harry, John de Kent, John Hooke, William Swift, John Sherman, John Haue, Robert Baker, John Merlyn, Thomas Langshote, William Boterfeld, John Bette, William Fraunceys, Adam Sterre, John Upstrete, William Wryght and Thomas Pleystow (the same mark in succession), William atte Noke, John Ingram, William Hancok, William Chaloner, William Okebourne, Simon Milleward, John Fryth, John Littell, William Coupere, Richart Welles, John Longe, Thomas Wodesere, William Franke, Nicholas Wodeward, Richart Borugh, Thomas Turnour (after his death, his mark was transferred to John "Hwet," in Feb., 1439-40), John Caunterbury, William Merlyn, Ralph Robert, John Broun, John Rothell, Thomas Howe, William Estone, Nicholas Wether, John Waryn, William Downyng, Simon atte Welle.

Fo. ccxlvii b.

*Custod'
Matild' et
Alicie filiar'
Joh'is Sharwe
vinter de
Lxl commiss'
Mag'ro Petro
Chirch.*

3 Feb., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419-20], came Thomas Hasele and Richard Osbarn, executors of John Shawe, late vintner, and delivered to John Hille, the Chamberlain, the sum of £40 bequeathed to Alice and Matilda, daughters of the said John Shawe, by their father, to be held in trust for the said daughters.

Afterwards, viz., on the 6th Feb., the same year, the money was delivered by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the aforesaid Chamberlain, with the assent of the said executors, to Master Peter Chirche, with whom the said daughters had been placed as apprentices. Sureties, viz., Robert Large, mercer, Martin Aleyn, "letherseller," and William Rendre, barber.

Afterwards, viz., on the 27th May, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], the aforesaid Peter brought back the said money, inasmuch as the above Alice had died and John Kyngestone had married her sister Matilda.

*Custod' Thome
fil' Th' Wot-
tone cum c
marc' commiss'
Joh'i Femell
pannar' Lon-
don.*

10 Jan., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419-20], came Richard Claydich and Walter Ridelere, executors of Thomas Wottone, late draper, and delivered to John Hille, the Chamberlain, a sum of money in trust for Thomas, one of the sons of the said

Thomas Wottone, being partly his patrimony and part accruing to him by the death of Richard his brother.

Afterwards, viz., on the 20th Jan., the same year, the guardianship of the above orphan was committed by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the aforesaid Chamberlain, with the assent of the above executors, to John "Femyll," draper. Sureties, viz., Thomas Dufhous and Richard Style, fishmongers, and John Higham, draper.

Afterwards, viz., on the 27th Sept., 3 Henry VI. [A.D. 1424], came the above orphan before William Crowmere, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, being of full age, and received his property from John Bederenden, the Chamberlain.

23 March, 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1419-20], came John, son of Alan Coterell, late "letherdyer," before Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and being of full age, received his patrimony, which had been placed in the custody of John "Prouffit," late Chamberlain, during the Mayoralty of Thomas Fauconer.¹

Fo. ccxlviii.

*Exon'acio
Ex lib'at'
Joh'i filio
Alani Coterell
etc.*

The same day came William, son of John Drewe, being of full age, and asked that he might have the money deposited for him with the Court, as appears *supra*, fo. cxciii. His petition granted as to a portion of the money only, inasmuch as it appeared to the Mayor and Aldermen that he was not as yet of discretion to have the whole entrusted to him. When he appeared to have better control over himself, the remainder should be delivered to him. To this arrangement both the orphan and his friends agreed.

*Exon'acio
denar' pertin'
Will'o filio
Joh'is Drew.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 24th Jan., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420-1], came the above orphan, and acknowledged satisfaction for the balance of his property.

¹ This fact does not appear to be recorded in the Letter-Book, although matters touching the guardianship of Robert, Elena, and Emma, other

children of Alan Coterell, are so recorded during the Mayoralty of Thomas Fauconer. *Vide supra*, pp. 133, 134-5, 136.

*Br'e ad
admittend'
Ric'm Alfeld
in officium
Coronator'
London'.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to admit Richard Alfeld as Deputy Coroner to Nicholas Merbury, the King's Butler and *ex officio* Coroner of the City. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, at Westminster, 22 Nov., 6 Henry V. [A.D. 1418].

Fo. cexlviii b.

*Comissio pro
delib'ac' Gaole
de Neugate
facta W. Cam-
brigge [sic] et
al'.*

Letters patent appointing Richard Whityngton, the Mayor, William Hankeford, Richard Nortone, William Babyngtone, Robert Tirwhit, Robert Hulle, John Cocayne, William Cheyne, John Prestone, and John Bartone, senior, or any nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, or two (the Mayor being one), to be Commissioners for gaol-delivery of Neugate. Witness Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, Warden of England, at Westminster, 18 Jan., 7 Henry V. [A.D. 1419-20].

*Custod'
Matild' filie
Joh'is Bul-
strode de xl
marc' commiss'
Laurencie
matri sue.*

8 May, 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], the guardianship of Matilda, daughter of John Bulstrode,¹ late goldsmith, together with her patrimony, committed by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to Laurencia, widow of the said John Bulstrode. Sureties, viz., John Bithewater and Peter Thorold, goldsmiths.

Fo. cexlix.

Masters of Misteries sworn.

*Nomina
Mag'ror' di-
versar' Mister'
jurator'.*

Glasiers: John Wittelessey, William Evyot, sworn 15 July, 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420].

Lorimers: Richard Fuller, John Carter, Robert Burdeaux, sworn 16 July, the same year.

[*Blank*] William Wright, John Sheman, sworn 21 June, the same year.

Dyers: Henry Fisser, John Lacy, sworn 5 Aug., the same year.

Dyers: Wardens of, John Vicary, Geoffrey Scores, sworn the same day.

Founders: Richard Fouler, John Russell, sworn 25 Oct., the same year.

Fleccers: John Halle, Richard Ottehill, sworn the same day.

¹ His will, dated 15 July, 1417, | in June, 1420. See 'Cal. of Wills,'
proved and enrolled in the Husting | ii. 421-2.

Scriveners: William Burdone, John Chesham, sworn the same day.

Writ of *certiorari* to the Mayor and Sheriffs touching the right and authority of Richard Alfelde to execute the office of Coroner in the City of London. Witness R[ichard] Nortone, at Westminster, 18 May, 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420].

*Br'e de
certiorando
qua auctoritate
R. Alfelde
exequitur of-
ficium
coronator'.*

Return to the above, forwarding a copy of the King's writ of 22 Nov., 6 Henry VI., recorded *supra*, fo. ccxlviii.

*Respons' ejusd'
b'ris.*

10 Oct., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], John Sayer discharged by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., he having filled divers offices of burden and honour within the City for 24 years.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Sayer ab
Inquisicionib'.*

The same day it was agreed and ordained by the said Mayor and Aldermen that thenceforth in elections of Aldermen four sufficient and able men for supporting the office should be always nominated and presented, &c.¹

Ordinac' Aldr'.

20 June, 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], came Richard Gille and Nicholas Rikhille, of co. Kent, the father and uncle respectively of Elizabeth Gille, before Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and prayed that the sum of 100 marks, which Rose Rikhille, the consort of William Rikhille, had formerly given for the marriage of the aforesaid Elizabeth, and which had been formerly paid into the Chamber by the said Nicholas and a certain Henry Boydone,² might be delivered up to them. Their prayer granted.

Fo. ccxlix b.

*Exon'acio
Cam'ar' de c
marc' in cus-
tod' sua posit'is
ad op' Elizabet
Gylle.*

Letter from Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, presenting Thomas Savage, chaplain, for admission to the chantry founded by Sir Henry "de Guldeford," called "le Mareschall," vacant by the death of William Mercere, the last chaplain. Dated August, A.D. 1420.

*Presentacio
d'ni Th' Sav
age capell'i ad
Cantar' in
ecc'l'ia S'ci
Pauli pro a'ia
Henn' Gilde-
ford ad altar'
ap'lor' etc.
fundat'.*

¹ A similar ordinance had been made in 1402. *Supra*, pp. 18, 19.

² *Vide supra*, p. 196, where Rose

Rikhille is recorded (as here) as the consort (not wife) of William Rikhille.

Fo. ccl.

*Cart' lib'tat'
facta Burgen-
sib' ville de
Dieppe per
d'um Reg' H.
quintum.*

Letters patent notifying that the King had granted to the burgesses of Dieppe acquittance of customs, subsidies, &c., by land and sea, except the custom on wine (*modiacionibus et custumis vinorum*) bought and sold by burgesses residing in the city of Rouen;¹ and further had granted them exemption from all legal jurisdiction, except the Exchequer of the Archbishop of Rouen (so long as the town remained in the hands of the Church), and the King's own Exchequer in Normandy. Witness the King with his army before "Meleun,"² 24 July, 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420].

*Br'e de certi-
orari super
indictamento
Joh'is Brigge
et Joh'e ux'is
sue.*

A writ of *certiorari* to the Coroners of co. Middlesex to bring up an indictment against John Brygge, carpenter, and Johanna his wife, detained in Neugate, before the Justices for gaol-delivery on Saturday, the 31st August next. [No date.]

Fo. ccl b.

*Semblables
maundementz
feusrent mys
a ch'n Alder-
man encountre
la Nativite de
Seint Joh'an le
Baptistre etc.*

Precept to the Aldermen to set an armed watch in their several Wards during the nights and eves of the Feasts of St. John Bapt. [24 June] and SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], and to take the usual precautions against fire, &c. Dated 17 June, 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420].

*Exon'ac'
Cam'ar' de
£xx parcell'
£xxx delib'at'
Petro Saveryn
et Julian' ux'i
sue nup' ux'i
Will'i
Brounyng.*

6 Sept., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], came Peter Saveryn, who married Juliana, widow of William Brounyng, late weaver, and asked for her share of the money bequeathed by her former husband to Johanna, Thomas, and Isabella, their children, viz., to each of them the sum of £10, with remainder to his said widow in the event of any of the said children dying under age, the said money having been deposited with John Proffit, the

¹ It is known that from the time of Æthelred the men of Rouen had carried on a brisk wine trade with the City of London, and had enjoyed the monopoly of the port of Dowgate for the purpose from the days of Edward the Confessor. See the Inspeximus Charter of Henry VI., dated 9 Aug., 1445, and calendared by Dr. Horace Round ('Cal. of Documents, France,' vol. i. pp. 32-6).

From this we learn that whatever other exemptions from custom the men of Rouen may have enjoyed, the wine tax was always reserved to the King, and further, that the customs of Dieppe were similar to those of Rouen.

² The siege of Melun commenced on the 13th July, and continued until the 17th Nov., when it surrendered at discretion.

Chamberlain, anno 1 Henry V. It having been proved that the said Johanna and Isabella had died under age, their shares were ordered to be delivered to the petitioner.

Afterwards, viz., on the 24th July, 11 Henry VI. [A.D. 1433], the above Thomas having died under age, his share was also delivered to the same.

24 Sept., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], John Maister, "bocher," discharged by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Mayster
Bochier de
assis.*

Letters patent conferring upon Mark Marcadell de Venicia, merchant of Italy, all the privileges appertaining to a liege subject of the King in England. Witness the King at Westminster, 28 Jan., 13 Henry [IV.].¹

Fo. ccli.

12 Sept., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], the guardianship of John, son of John Neweman, late skinner, and Margaret, daughter of the same, together with the property left to them and to two other children of the same name, now deceased, by the said father, committed for a term of five years by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Hille, the Chamberlain, to John Bartone, skinner, who married Alice, the widow of the said John Neweman. Sureties, viz., John Mildenhale and John Harrys, skinners.

*Custod' puer'
Joh'is Neuman
pellipar' cum
l' mare' comiss'
Joh'i Barton'
qui despons'
matrem
pueror' predic-
torum.*

5 Oct., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], came John Bacoun, executor of Walter Colshill, late grocer, who had been appointed guardian of Robert, son of the said Walter, as appears *supra*, fo. clxxxviii [b], and informed Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen that the orphan had died, and prayed that he might be allowed to deal with the property as executor of the said Walter. His prayer granted.

Fo. ccli b.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Bacoun
de Lcc in quib'
per recogn'
alias
obligabatur.*

¹ A marginal note states that these letters patent were allowed in a certain plea moved between Richard Whityngtone and Stephen Turnebonis, as appears in the Rolls of Memoranda *temp.* William Cambrigge. Turning to 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 49, membr. 3 dors, we find two writs of *certiorari*, dated re-

spectively 25 April and 3 May, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], addressed to William Cambrigge, the Mayor, touching proceedings between Whityngton and Turnebonis in a plea of debt, but the record of the proceedings is not set out, it having been returned attached to the writ in the usual manner.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Tyce et
m' suor' de
£xl etc.*

21 Oct., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], came Peter Spicer *alias* Tyce, son of Matthew Tyce,¹ late goldbeater, and acknowledged he had received from John Tyce, his brother, the sum of £40, a piece of silver with silver cover bearing a falcon in sculpture, and six silver spoons, which came to him by the death of Johanna his sister, according to the terms of the will of the aforesaid Matthew.

*Exon'acio
Joh's Bardeney
cissor' ab
assisis Juratis
vigilacionib'
etc.*

22 Oct., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], John Bardeneye, tailor, discharged by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is
Haddone
pannarii etc.*

26 Oct., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], John Haddone, draper, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Will'i Balle
civis et cissor'
etc.*

25 Oct., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], William Ball, tailor, similarly discharged for like cause.

Fo. cclii-
ccliii b.

Terms of the Peace of Troyes. *English.* No date.²

Fo. ccliii b.
*Restitutio
Joh'is Corbet
ad lib'tat'
London' unde
fuit alias
amotus.*

John Corbet, goldsmith, who had been deprived of the freedom of the City for causing riots, &c., and for withdrawing himself from justice, restored on his humble petition and promise of good behaviour.

Fo. ccliv.
*Eleccio Joh'is
Botiller et
Joh'is Welles
in Vic'.*

Thursday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 8³ Henry V. [A.D. 1420], in the presence of Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, John Bartone, the Recorder, William Walderne,

¹ Cf. *supra*, p. 124.

² By this peace between England and France Henry was accepted as the French King's son-in-law, and as regent and heir to the throne of France. It practically corresponds with the official English version, printed by Rymer ('*Fœdera*,' ix. 916-20), together with a writ to the Sheriffs of London to make due proclamation of the same, the writ being dated 14 June, 1420. An English version of the treaty is also

printed in Gregory's '*Chronicle*' (Camd. Soc.), pp. 128-38, the editor of that *Chronicle* having carefully collated the MS. of the *Chronicle* preserved among the Egerton MSS. in the British Museum with two other versions contained in MSS. of the Cottonian Collection. The treaty is also set out in Latin and French by Rymer (ix. 895-904), and bears date 21 May, 1420.

³ *Sexto* in MS., an error.

Nicholas Wottone, William Crowmer, Thomas Fauconer, Henry Bartone, William Nortone, John Penne, William¹ Michel, John Gedeney, John Reinwelle, Thomas Aleyn, William Cambridge, John Perneys, Robert Whityngham, John Boteler, Robert Tatersale, and John Coventre, Aldermen, and very many Commoners summoned to the Guildhall for the election of Sheriffs, John Boteler, draper and Commoner, was elected one of the Sheriffs by the Mayor, and John Wellys, grocer, was elected the other Sheriff by the Commonalty.

The same day John "Betterdyn,"² draper, was elected Chamberlain of the City; John Westone, draper, and Richard Style were elected Wardens of London Bridge; and John Coventre, Robert Tatersale, Aldermen, and John Abbot, William Milerth, John Hiham, and William Michell, Commoners, were elected Auditors of the accounts of the said Chamberlain and Wardens.

Afterwards, viz., on the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], the aforesaid Sheriffs were sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow of the said Feast were presented and admitted before the Barons of the Exchequer.

Return to a writ³ by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and Robert Whityngham and John Boteler [mercier], the Sheriffs, certifying the proceedings taken against Henry Brence, Roger Holbeche, Peter Aleyn, Nicholas Stanour, "barbour," Thomas Edward, and James Bromley for refusing to pay their quota to a subsidy of 2,000 marks granted to the King, and rebelling against Robert Wydingtone, Alderman of the Ward of Bredstret, for which not only were the aforesaid persons committed to gaol, but also Walter Vitul, "armurer," of the Ward of Bredstret, William Squyer, "shether," of the Ward of Farndon Without, and John Kent, "couper," of the Ward of Chepe, named in the aforesaid writ. All these were still detained in gaol, inasmuch as the money remained unpaid; but as to others named in the writ, viz., John Maii, John Germyn, Nicholas Tremayn, Richard Stapultone, and William

*Returnum
sup' br' etc. de
rebellion' fact'
Aldr'o in
levac'den' Reg'.*

¹ A mistake for John. William Michel was not an Alderman.

² More commonly "Bederenden."

³ Not, apparently, recorded.

Founder, who had been committed as aiders and abettors of the above misdoers, they had been released on bail to await judgment according to law and the custom of the City.

Fo. ccliv b.

*Eleccio Will'i
Cauntbrigge
Maioris Civi-
tatis London'.*

Sunday the Feast of Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], in the presence of Richard Whytyngtone, the Mayor, John Bartone, the Recorder, Thomas Knolles, Robert Chycheley, William Walderne, William Crowmer, Thomas Fauconer, Nicholas "Wottoone," Henry Bartone, William Sevenoke, William Cambrigge, William Nortone, John Penne, John Gedney, John Perneys, William (John?) Michel, Robert Whityngham, John Boteler, John Coventre, Ralph Bartone, and Robert Tatersale, Aldermen, John Boteler and John Wellys, the Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty summoned to the Guildhall for the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing—William "Cambrigge" was elected.

Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], he was sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and accepted, &c. [*sic*], before the Barons of the Exchequer.

*Consi' les bille
de taxand' et
levand' ter-
tiam partem
xv^{me} misse
fuerunt cui-
libet Alder-
manno.*

Precept to the several Aldermen to cause a sum equal to a third of a fifteenth to be levied in their respective Wards, and to bring the money to the Guildhall by the 6th Nov. next. Dated 18 Oct. [A.D. 1420].

*Exon'acio
Will'i Graun-
gier etc.*

5 Nov., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], came William Graunger, to whom the guardianship of John, one of the sons of Richard Twyford, cutler, and now dead, had been committed, as appears *supra*, fo. clxxxvii, before William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and delivered the late orphan's money to John Bederendene, the Chamberlain, and was declared quit.

*Exon'acio Cur'
de predictis
denar' Elene
filie Ric'i
Twyford juxta
formam tes'i
ejusdem Ric'i
lib'atis Cite.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 15th Nov., the same year, came Elena, late wife of Thomas Briggeham, shearman, and daughter of the above Richard Twyford, and asked for money due to her under the will of her said father, inasmuch as all the other children of the said Richard had died under age. Her prayer granted.

A general proclamation for the government of the City, the preservation of the peace, cleansing the streets, as well as forbidding the forestalling of merchandise, the enhancing of the price of poultry, the casting of rubbish into the river, &c.

Fos. cclv-cclvi.

Magni' proclamation' Maioris.

12 Sept., 4 Henry VI. [A.D. 1425], came John Bartone (to whom had been committed the guardianship of the children of John Neweman for a term of five years)¹ before John Coventre, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and was granted an extension of his guardianship for a further term of three years. Sureties, viz., John Harrys and John Beverle, skinnners.

Fo. cclvi b.

Custodia pueror' Joh'is Newman cum liii marc'.

Afterwards, viz., on the 30th Aug., 13 Henry VI. [A.D. 1435], came the above sureties of John Bartone, now deceased, and delivered to John Chichele, the Chamberlain, the orphans' money.

10 Sept., 14 Henry VI. [A.D. 1435], came John, one of the orphans, the other orphan, Margaret, having died under age, and received the whole of the money.

[Fo. cclvii blank.]

Be it remembered that a certain writing, enclosed in a box, touching an annuity of 100 marks granted by Beatrice, Countess of Arundell,² to Margaret, wife of Rouland Lentehale, Knt., for the lifetime of the said Countess, was delivered by the same to John Hille, the Chamberlain, on the 13th July, 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], to be delivered by him to the said Margaret, provided the said Rouland and Margaret, or either of them, before the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], A.D. 1421, rendered the said Beatrice secure in law, as her counsel may direct, for her lifetime in all possessions whatsoever in England and Wales held by her to herself and the heirs of her body and of the body of Thomas, late Earl of Arundell, and also in her possessions by dower,³ failing which the said document is to be returned to her.

Fo. cclvii b.

Nota delib'acionem cujusdam scripti per Comitissam Arundell.

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 243.

² An illegitimate daughter of John, King of Portugal, and wife of Thomas Fitz-Alan, 11th Earl of Arundel, who died without issue in 1415. Among his possessions was Pultney's Inn, in

the City, which his widow made over in 1429 to John Carpenter, "clerk of the commonalty of the City," and others. Hust. Roll 158 (14).

³ The Countess had occasion to present a petition to Parliament in

*Cognicio Joh'is
Michol facta
in Cur' de
revocacione et
dedictione
cujusdam false
l're attorn' sub
nomine et
sigill suis
pretens' etc.*

Be it remembered that on the 11th Dec., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], came John Micholl, vintner, before William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and complained that Richard Angell had forged a letter of attorney in his name and purporting to be sealed with his seal and the seal of William Waldern, Alderman, authorizing the said Richard to levy on John Barbour a debt of 200 marks due to the complainant, and prayed that notice of the matter might be placed on record. His prayer granted.

Fo. cclviii.

*Record' de
denar' pertin'
pueris Rob'ti
Odyham.*

Record of the disposal of a sum of £180 among the children of Robert Odyham, late grocer.

*Placitum int'
co'itatem et
Margaretam
Idesale pro
fullura cap-
ar' ad molen-
dinum etc.*

12 Dec., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], Margaret Idesale, hurer, acknowledged that she had sent certain long caps to be fulled at a mill contrary to the ordinance recorded in Letter-Book H, fo. xlix [b]. Thereupon she was condemned to pay 6s. 8d. to the use of the Commonalty and her caps were forfeited.

Tuesday, 12 Nov., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], in full Husting and Common Council (*et comuni Consilio*), there being present William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, John Fray, the Recorder, Thomas Knolles, William Waldern, William Crowmere, Thomas Fauconer, William Sevenok, John Penne, John Perneys, John Coventre, John Botiller, Robert Whityngham, and Robert Tatersale, with the common assent of the aforesaid Aldermen, no one dissenting, Thomas Fauconer and John Michell, Aldermen, and John Higham and Salamon Oxney, Commoners, were elected to go to the Parliament.¹ Also it was granted by the same Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, that Richard Burton should have and hold before others the exercise of the common balance and tronage between merchants, &c., which he now occupies, so long as he be of good behaviour, &c., paying

May, 1421, praying that she might be allowed her reasonable dower in her late husband's estate, attempts having been made by several of the Count's heirs to deprive her of dower on the ground that, having been born

in Portugal, she was not "dowable." Her petition was granted. 'Rot. Parl.,' iv. 130.

¹ The writ of election and return are recorded *infra*, pp. 252-3.

the ferm, &c., as, &c., between himself, &c., and the Chamberlain, &c.

6 July, 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], William Estfeld and John Abbot, mercers, appointed by Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, at the instance of the Commonalty of the Mistery of Cutlers, to hear and examine the differences that had arisen between the Masters and Wardens and the Commonalty of the said Mistery, in the presence of William Multone, Richard Hatfeld, Thomas Warde, and John Whestowe, good men of the said Mistery, and to report thereon to the Court of Mayor and Aldermen by the 12th October next.

fo. cclviii b.

*Reformatio
diversor³ ex-
cessum et de-
fectuum in
mistera de
Cutillers.*

On the said day the said William Estfeld and John Abbot reported that the chief cause of dissension in the Mistery was the election of the Masters and Wardens by six or eight members of the Mistery without the knowledge or assent of the rest of the Commonalty of the Mistery. They further reported that they had caused Richard Wellom, John Chadde, Martin Godart, William Graunger, John Munt, John Parkere, and Peter Tomere, late Masters and Wardens of the Mistery, to make a return of the rents, fines, and amercements of the Mistery received up to the 9th Oct. last, when they appeared to be in arrears to the extent of £34 3s. 4d., which they were ordered to pay by a certain day. Thereupon the Mayor claimed a portion of the fines, &c., as appertaining to the City, and ordered that all ordinances contained in the Book of the said Mistery which had not been sanctioned by the Court of Aldermen should be annulled. And for the peaceable election of Masters and Wardens in future it was decreed that thenceforth such election should take place yearly about the Feast of Holy Trinity without murmurings, and that those so elected should be presented to the Court of Aldermen to take their oath. In the meantime an election was ordered to take place on the 21st Oct. next in the presence of the above William Estfeld and John Abbot, who were to report as to the manner in which it had been conducted. Accordingly they made report that on the said day the whole Commonalty of the Mistery had met in a certain hostel called "Marnersynne" in the parish of St. Mary in Aldermanbury, and

had peacefully elected William Multone to be Master and Richard Hatfeld and John Whestowe to be Wardens of the Mistery until the Feast of Holy Trinity next, and the same were admitted and sworn.

Ro. cclix.

Afterwards the said Master and Wardens submitted certain articles to the Mayor and Aldermen for their approval, viz.:—

(1) That no one thenceforth be elected Master or Warden unless he be a freeman of the City by birth or apprenticeship served in the said Mistery, under penalty of 100s., one half to be paid to the City and the other to the relief of the poor of the Mistery.

(2) That no one who has been Master or Warden be re-elected for five years, provided that it be lawful for the Commonalty of the Mistery to elect one of the Wardens to be Master, notwithstanding his having been formerly Warden of the Mistery.

(3) That the Masters and Wardens for the time being shall be authorized to summon before them all persons using the mistery within the City, whether they be of the livery and clothing of the Mistery or not, and to charge them to keep all the ordinances of the Mistery approved by the Court of Aldermen; and that every free man and woman of the Mistery shall answer the summons speedily, under penalty of 12 pence. Also that no one of the Mistery shall take any apprentice that is not of free birth and condition, handsome in stature, having straight and proper limbs,¹ and of full age, according to the Statute of Apprentices lately made at Cantebrige,² under penalty of 40s.

*Proclamacio
facta erga
Coronac'
Regine.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for all those owing service at the coronation of Queens of England by reason of tenure or otherwise to attend the coronation of Queen Katherine at Westminster on the third Sunday in Lent, and be ready to perform such service with all honour and reverence. Witness

¹ *Formosus in statura habens membra recta et decencia.*

² The only time that Parliament had

sat at Cambridge was in 1388. Cf. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 482, iii. 387; 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 334.

Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, Warden of England, at Westminster, 26 Jan., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420-1].¹

7 Jan., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420-1], William [Newsham], the Rector of the church of St. Alphege, John Credy, John Rauffe, John Salman, and John Taterygge, parishioners of the same, deliver to John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, the sum of £40—being part of the proceeds of the sale of a tenement called “le Cok on the hoope” in Grubstrete and other property of Stephen Troppesselde, late cordwainer—in trust for William and Stephen, sons of Simon Castwater, pursuant to the will of the said Stephen Troppesselde.

Fo. cclix b.

*Nota de £xl
delib'at' Cam'
ario ad custod'
ad opus fil'
Simonis Cast-
water.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 18th July, 7 Henry VI. [A.D. 1429], came William, son of Simon Castwater, and being proved of full age, his share of the above money was delivered to him.

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens in the next Husting to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on the 2nd May.² No Sheriff to be returned. Witness the King at Westminster, 26 Feb., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420-1].

*Br'e de venire
fac' cives ad
parliam' apud'
Westm' a'
1^o 1^o Henr' v^{ti}
octavo.*

Pursuant to the above writ, at the Husting for Common Pleas held on Monday after the Feast of SS. Tiburcius and Valerian [14 April], William Waldern and William Crowmer, Aldermen, and William Burtone, grocer, and Richard Gosselyn, “ir-monger,” were elected to attend the Parliament.

8 Feb., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420-1], came Thomas Beaumont and William Edward, executors of Richard Wodecok, salter, and received from John Bederenden the sum of £179 13s. 4d., being part of a sum of £200, the property of John, son of the said Richard Wodecok, lately deceased, to be devoted by them to pious uses according to the will of the said Richard.

Fo. cclx.

*Exon'acio
Cur' de
£clxxix xiiis.
iiiiid. p'tin'
Joh'i fil' Ric'i
Wodecok
salter.*

17 April, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], William Mymken, fish-monger, discharged by William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Will'i Mym-
ken civis et
piscenar' Lon-
don'.*

¹ Henry and his Queen arrived at Dover on the morning of the 2nd Feb., 1421, and the Queen's coronation took place at Westminster Abbey on Sunday, the 23rd Feb.

² Thomas Chaucer (whose relationship to the poet has given rise to much controversy) was elected Speaker. ‘Rot. Parl.’ iv. 129.

Fo. cclx b. 1 Dec., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], the guardianship of Robert, son of Robert Odiham, late grocer, together with his patrimony and money accrued to him by the death of John, William, and James, his brothers, committed by William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, with the assent of Johanna, the orphan's mother, and John Poley, his late guardian, to William Cotesbrook, grocer. Sureties, viz., Thomas Catworth and Sayer Acre, grocers, and John Joye, "talghchaundellere."

*Custodia £lx
p'tin' Rob'to
filio Rob'i
Odyham com-
missa Will'o
Cotesbrook.*

16 March, 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420-1], came Johanna, widow of Walter Colrede, girdler, and Ralph Aase, Andrew Hunte, and Richard Sonman, girdlers, executors of the said Walter, and delivered to John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, the sum of £50, which the aforesaid Walter left by will to be divided between John, John, Thomas, Margery, and Walter, his children (the said Walter being at the time unborn and since dead), to be held by him in trust for the said orphans.

Afterwards, viz., on Christmas Eve, 5 Henry VI. [A.D. 1426], the portion of the above Thomas was committed to Johanna his mother, and Richard "Aas" and Richard "Sunman," in trust for one year.

Fo. cclxi. 1 Dec., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420], the sum of £30 belonging to Thomas, son of Robert Odyham, late grocer, after the death of John, William, and James, his brothers, committed by William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, to John Poley, to whom the custody of the said orphan and the rest of his property had been committed, as appears *supra*, fo. ccxvii; to hold the same in trust for the said orphan until the 10th day of August, 1425. Sureties, viz., Hugh Harlewyn, sporier, Robert Cristemasse, "textwriter," and John Segor, "peautrer."

*Custodia £xxx
p'tin' Thome
filio Rob'i
Odyham com-
missa Joh'i
Poley.*

*Br'e de venire
fac' quatuor
cives ad par-
liament' apud
Westm' etc.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to cause four persons to be elected in the next Husting to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on Monday after the Feast of St. Andrew [30th Nov.].¹ No

¹ This Parliament, which opened on the 2nd Dec., 1420, and in which the Duke of Gloucester represented

the King, was held in daily expectation of the latter's return from France.

Sheriff to be returned. Witness Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, Warden of England, at Westminster, 21 Oct., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420].

Thereupon Thomas Fauconer and John Michell, Aldermen, and John "Hiham" and Salamon Oxney, Commoners, were elected,¹ as appears by an indenture thereon made.

16 April, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], Nicholas Turk, fishmonger, discharged by William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Nich'i Turke
pisc' ab assisis
et vigiliis.*

13 May, 7 Henry VI. [A.D. 1429], came Robert Cristemasse and Hugh Harlewyn, two sureties of John Poley, who had been appointed guardian of Thomas, son of Robert Odyham, and had become "insufficient," and paid into court certain sums of money of their own, and asked that such payments might be placed on record so as to be recovered against the said John Poley in the event of his becoming substantial again (*in casu quo reualescat*) or against John Segor, their co-surety.

20 May, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], came David "Holes," executor of Sir Hugh "Holes," Knt., late Justice of the lord the King, before William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and delivered to John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, the sum of £100 to be delivered by him to John Godyn, who married Isabella, daughter of the said Sir Hugh, as soon as he shall have acquired lands, tenements, and rents of that value and shall have settled the same upon himself and wife in tail; the said John Godyn to have the money in the meanwhile, if desired, to trade withal, on his giving sufficient security.²

Fo. cclxi b.
*Nota de £c
delib'atis
Cam'ar' per
executores test'i
d'ni Hugonis
"Huls" mili-
tis ad cus-
todierend' etc.*

Afterwards, viz., on the 29th Jan., 1 Henry VI. [A.D. 1422-3], came the above John Godyn and asked for the above sum of £100 to be delivered to him, his wife having died before such property had been acquired and settled. His prayer granted.

Precept to the Aldermen to keep an armed watch in their several Wards during the two nights and eves of St. John Baptist [24 June] and SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], and take the usual precautions against fire, &c. Dated 13 June, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421].

*Cons'i les bille
misse fuer'
cuilibet Aldr'o
etc.*

¹ Cf. *supra*, p. 248.

² Cf. *infra*, p. 264.

*Proclamac'
facta in vigilia
Nativitat' Sci
Joh'is Bap'te
a^o ix Henr⁵ 2^{di}.*

Proclamation to be made to the effect that no vintner, taverner, brewer, hosteler, cook, or pie-baker keep his house open after 10 o'clock P.M. on the eves of the above Feasts, or sell any victual before 6 A.M. on the morning following, on pain of imprisonment and fine.

Fo. cclxii.

Masters of Misteries sworn.

Salters: Thomas Scotte, John Richer, sworn 12 June, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421].

Lethersellers: John Fysshe, John Hille, sworn 11 June, the same year.

Coupers: Robert Baker, John Caunterbury, sworn 12 June, the same year.

Cordwainers: John Grene, Thomas atte Van, Richard Baret, John Benworth, sworn 28 June, the same year.

Lorymers: John Parys, John Reynold, senior, John Milkedale, sworn 1 July, the same year.

Haberdasshers: Thomas Kyng, John Fulburne, Thomas Ostriche, Walter Holme, sworn 25 July, the same year.

Woollen-Weavers: John Boldesore, John Cherche, sworn 28 July, the same year.

Shermen: Robert Holand, William Holand, John Hoo, sworn 6 Aug., the same year.

Textwryters: John White, John Asshe, sworn 29 July, the same year.

Girdelers: Walter Domegode, John Milford, Thomas Hacche, James Froldebury, sworn 19 Aug., the same year, and Thomas Hacche likewise sworn for the assay of leather.

Fo. cclxii b.

*Custodia Rob'ti
et Elizabeth'
pueror' Hen-
rici Wodewey
etc.*

20 June, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], the guardianship of Robert and Elizabeth, children of Henry Wodewey, late skinner, together with divers goods and chattels, comprising a "biker" of silver with inscription *Benedictus deus in donis suis*, and their patrimony, committed by William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, to Nicholas Tunwell, grocer, and Emma his wife, widow and executrix of the said Henry Wodewey. Sureties, viz., John Wellys and Thomas Sellowe, grocers.

Afterwards, viz., on the 12th Sept., A.D. 1422, came the above Nicholas and Emma and brought into Court, before Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, divers jewels of gold and silver as security for their guardianship in place of the above sureties, which jewels were placed in a chest under seal and deposited in the City's Treasury, and the above sureties were discharged.

Afterwards, viz., on the 8th Aug., 10 Henry VI. [A.D. 1432], came Thomas Scotte, who married the above Elizabeth, before John Welles, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and acknowledged he had received the sum of £40 bequeathed to his wife by her father.

Letter from the King to the Mayor and Aldermen informing them of his movements in France,¹ how he had been forced to leave Picardy in order to succour the town of Chartres, which had been threatened by the Dauphin, and how he had heard of the siege being raised and of the departure of the Dauphin for Touraine on his way from Paris to Mantes. Dated at "Mante," 12 July [A.D. 1421].

Fo. cclxiii.

*L'ra d'ni
Regis missa
Maiori et
Aldr'is.*

Reply to the King under the Mayoralty seal acknowledging his gracious letter, and assuring him of the peaceful condition of the City. Dated 2 Aug. [A.D. 1421].

*Respons' l're
precedentis.*

30 July, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], the sum of £4 which had been deposited with John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, by Thomas Wright and John Squyry, tenants of certain tenements in the parishes of St. Giles without Crepilgate and St. Dionisius de Fanchirche,³ in trust for Reginald, son of John Prynce, was delivered, by the advice of William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to Richard Bentone, tailor, who had married Agnes, the mother of the said Reginald, and to whom was committed the guardianship of the said Reginald, and of his share in the above tenements.

Fo. cclxiii b.

*Custodia Regi-
naldi filii
Joh'is Prynce
cum trib' ten'
etc.*

¹ Henry had set sail for France from Dover on the 10th June.

² Set out in full together with the City's reply in Sharpe's 'London and the Kingdom,' vol. iii. pp. 365-7. The word "jolace" in the King's

letter is evidently a scribe's error for "place." It has been corrected by Delpit (p. 231).

³ Better known as St. Dionis de "Backchurch."

Custod' Dionisie filie Joh'is Beaumond de Lc comiss' Ph'o Malpas pannar'.

6 Aug., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], the guardianship of Dionisia, daughter of John Beaumond, late "chaundeller," together with her patrimony, committed by William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, to Philip Malpas, draper, who married Johanna, [late] wife of William Middeltone, executor of the said John Beaumond. Sureties, viz., Richard Sutton and Robert Barburgh, drapers.

Afterwards, viz., on 8 Aug., 4 Henry VI. [A.D. 1426], came the above Philip, and was discharged of his guardianship.

*Fo. cclxiv.
Exon'acio
Joh'is Grene
Ric'i Baret
Joh'is Benworth et
Thome atte
Van ab assisis
dum steterint
in officio
magistrat'
allutar'.*

21 Aug., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], John Grene, Richard Baret, John Benworth, and Thomas atte Van, Masters of the Mistery of Cordwainers for the time being, discharged by William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to their being occupied with the scrutiny and assay of leather exposed for sale in the City, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in each week.

Custod' c marc' pertin' Joh'i filio Thome Wottone comiss' Joh'i Claveryng pannar'.

23 July, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], the sum of 100 marks, which the executors of Thomas Wottone, draper, had delivered to John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, in trust for John, son of the said Thomas, was delivered by order of William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to John Claveryng, draper, on the same trust. Sureties, viz., John Somer, draper, and Guy Lawrens, grocer.

*Fo. cclxiv b.
Br'e ad scrutinyum faciend' in aqua Thamisie.*

Writ to the Mayor bidding him and his successors, Mayors or Wardens of the City for the time being, to make diligent search along the banks of the Thames, within the City's jurisdiction, four times a year, for stakes unlawfully placed in the river to the danger of vessels, and for nets called "Trynkes,"¹ and others of too fine a mesh, destructive of the fry of fish, and to punish offenders, under penalty of paying 100 marks to the King, pursuant to a recent ordinance in Parliament.² Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, at Westminster, 11 July, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421].—By petition in Parliament.

¹ Draw or drag-nets (Fr. *treiner*), whence the name "trinkermen" as applied to a certain class of fishermen. See 'Cal. Letter-Book A,'

pp. 187-8; 'Cal. Letter-Book F,' p. 99.

² 'Rot. Parl.,' iv. 132.

27 Oct., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], Robert Culmer, fuller, discharged by William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
Rob'ti Culmer
civis et fuller
London'.*

10 July, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], the guardianship of Johanna, daughter of Thomas de Bury, together with the sum of £22 bequeathed to her by Alice Langhorn, and delivered by Bartholomew Seman and John Boner, executors of the said Alice, to John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, was committed by William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and the Aldermen to John Somer, draper. Sureties, viz., John Claveryng and John Benet, drapers.

Fo. cclxv.
*Custodia Joh'e
filie Thome de
Bury cum
£xxii etc.*

Afterwards, viz., on 16 March, 6 Henry VI. [A.D. 1427-8], the above John Claveryng having died, and John Benet become "insufficient," came John Erhithe, "gentilman," John Lyng and John Spencer, drapers, and became sureties.

Writ to the Sheriff of Middlesex bidding him make proclamation in the county of the ordinance passed in the last Parliament¹ touching the protection of fish in the Thames, and to see that the peace be not broken whilst the ordinance is being executed. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, at Westminster, 22 July, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421].

*Br'e vic'
Midd' direct'
de pace conser-
vand' in scru-
tinio Maioris
etc. pro aqua
Thamis'.*

Letter under the Mayoralty seal [addressed apparently to some town in Flanders] complaining of deceits practised in the length and breadth of various kinds of linen and woollen manufacture (*toill blanc et cru et naperie*), as well as of the use of inferior thread; also, of the dyeing and colouring of "boquerams," especially red "boquerams," and praying that steps may be taken to remedy the evil. Dated 2 Sept. [A.D. 1421?].

Fo. cclxv b.

15 Oct., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], came the Masters and good men of the Misteries of Mercers and Haberdashers before William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and complained that John Van Uden, a merchant stranger, from whom the King would derive large sums by way of custom if he were not a freeman of the City, had fraudulently obtained the freedom for a moderate payment through the Mistery of "Lynnenwevers," which was only an inferior mistery, the

Fo. cclxvi.

¹ 'Rot. Parl.,' iv. 132.

Court of Mayor and Aldermen being in ignorance of the fraud and collusion; that after obtaining the freedom of the City he never exercised the art of the Lynnenwevers, but always the art of Mercers and Haberdashers, notwithstanding that men of those Misteries could only obtain the freedom after arduous work and long apprenticeship as well as heavy disbursements, thereby deceiving the Court of the lord the King and depriving the King of his custom dues, as well as prejudicing the men of those Misteries. They pray, therefore, that the said John Van Uden may be removed from the freedom of the City, and that he and the Masters of the Lynnenwevers by whom he was presented and mainprised may be punished for their deception.

Thereupon all parties were warned to appear before the Court on Saturday the 21st Oct., when the said John Van Uden, being asked as to what faculty and craft he was of when he was admitted to the freedom of the City through the Mystery of Lynnenwevers, declared that he was then as now a merchant (*mercator*¹); and being asked if after admission to the freedom he had used the mystery of Lynnenwevers he said that he had not, but that he had weaving implements and proposed to use them *quando etc.* Being asked what mystery he was accustomed to use after admission, he replied mercery, haberdashery, and trading of that kind. Also being asked if the Masters of the Lynnenwevers were aware of the facts of the case when they presented him for the freedom, he replied in the affirmative. The said Masters did not deny his statement, but put themselves on the favour of the Court. Thereupon it was adjudged that the said John Van Uden be removed from the freedom of the City, and that he thenceforth be subject to all payments and charges like any other stranger, and further, that he be imprisoned until he bring in his "bill" of freedom that he received. The Masters of the Lynnenwevers were also adjudged to lose their freedom and to make fine to the Chamberlain, but they were afterwards pardoned and restored to the freedom, and the said John was bound over in the sum of £10 to bring in his "bill" aforesaid.

¹ *Mercator* signifies also a *mercet*.

6 Sept., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], Henry Impyngham, skinner, discharged by William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. cclxvi b.

*Exon'acio
Henrici Im-
pyngham ab
assis.*

7 Sept., the same year, Gregory Scarburgh, armourer, similarly discharged for like cause.

*Exon'acio
Georgii [sic]
Scarburgh
armurar² ab
ssis.*

Letter from William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, presenting John Newenham for admission to one of the five chantries founded in the Chapel of B. V. Mary near Guildhall by Adam Fraunceys and Henry Frowyk, vacant by the death of Sir William Test. Dated 9 Sept., A.D. 1421.

*Presentacio
d'ni Joh'is
Newenham ad
unam cant' in
capella Gui-
halde.*

2 Oct., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], David Gest, cordwainer, discharged by William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Exon'acio
David Gest ab
assis.*

Wednesday, 8 Oct., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], the gate or stone mansion on London Bridge, formerly occupied by William Est, late one of the City's Serjeants,¹ granted by the above Mayor and the Aldermen to John Hastyng, the Mayor's Esquire, for his good services past and to come.

*Concessio porte
super pontem
fact' Joh'i
Hastyng ar-
migero etc.*

The same day the office of Bailiff of Southwerk was granted by the said Mayor and Aldermen to John Combe, Common Serjeant-at-arms of the City,² to hold the same during good behaviour, on condition that he keep the Governors and Commonalty of the said City indemnified in all things touching the said office, and pay yearly to the lord the King in his Exchequer the sum of £10 for the ferm of the said Borough and 2s. to certain officers of the lord the King for besants,³ &c.

Fo. cclxvii.

¹ See 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 447.

² Otherwise known as Common Crier.

³ In 1399 the office of Bailiff of Southwark and the tenancy of the mansion on London Bridge had been granted to William Est. The terms of the grant of the bailiwick to John Combe vary slightly from those of the grant of the same

bailiwick to Est, inasmuch as the latter was not called upon to keep the civic authorities indemnified in respect of the office, and the payment of £10 was to be made to the City Chamberlain. See 'Cal. Letter-Book H,' p. 447, where a note will be found touching the customary fee of a besant or 2s. on certain occasions.

*Exon'acio
Joh'is Styper-
ang' ab assisis.*

10 Oct., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], John Styperang, chandler, discharged by William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

*Transmutacio
Hugonis Neel
a mistera pis-
tor' ad mis-
teram de
Brewers.*

20 Oct., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], came Hugh Neel, baker, before the above Mayor and the Aldermen, and declared that whereas he had been admitted to the freedom of the City in the Mistery of Bakers during the Mayoralty of Drew Barantyn, he had long used and was still using the mistery or art of "Bruers," and not the mistery of Bakers. He prayed, therefore, to be admitted in the art of "Bruers" and to be recorded to that effect. His prayer granted.

Fo. cclxvii b.

Writ to the Mayor and Aldermen to make a return into Chancery of the proceedings taken by certain merchants of the Hanse of Almaine to be declared quit of toll on their merchandise as recorded *supra*, fo. ccxiii. Witness Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, Warden of England, at Westminster, 10 Nov., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420].

Fo. cclxviii.

*Returnum
br'is predicti.*

Return to the above writ to the effect that the record asked for was of no authority, inasmuch as the plaint of the merchants had been irregularly presented and the proceedings thereon had never been ratified by the Common Council (as they should have been according to the immemorial custom of the City); nevertheless, the Mayor and Aldermen send the record as entered on fo. ccxiii, in accordance with the writ.

*Admissio d'ni
Will'i Cheyne
militis in lib-
tatem civitatis
London'.*

5 Henry VI. [A.D. 1426?¹] Sir William Cheyne, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, admitted to the freedom of the City in the Mistery of Mercery with the assent of John Reynwell, the Mayor, the Aldermen and Commonalty of the City.

[Fos. cclxviii b, cclxix, *blank*.]

Fo. cclxix b.

*Custodia Joh'e
Valence cum
viii marc' com-
miss' Joh'i
Ashton pisce-
nar'.*

12 Nov., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], the guardianship of Johanna Valence, together with the sum of 8 marks bequeathed to her by Robert Garthorpe, committed by Robert

¹ The day of the month is not recorded. The date must be somewhere between Oct., 1426, and Oct.,

1427, that being the term of Reynwell's Mayoralty.

Chichele, Mayor, and the Aldermen to John Asshtone, fishmonger. [Sureties not recorded.]

1 Dec., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], the guardianship of Margaret, daughter of Simon Herward, together with a sum of £20, and a piece of plate of the value of 39s. 4½d., committed by the same to William Maltby, mercer. Sureties, John Olney, John Bostone, and John Hertwell, mercers.

Sunday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], in the presence of William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, John Bartone, the Recorder, Richard Whityngtone, Robert Chichele, Thomas Fauconer, Nicholas Wottone, William Sevenoke, Henry Bartone, John Penne, John Reinwell, John Gedney, Robert Widyngtone, John Coventre, Robert Whityngton, John Botiller, Robert Tatersall, Thomas Aleyn, and John Welles, Aldermen, and very many Commoners summoned to the Guildhall for the election of Sheriffs, John Westone, draper, was elected one of the Sheriffs by the said Mayor, and Richard Gosselyn, "irmonger," was elected the other Sheriff to the Commonalty for the year ensuing.

fo. cclxx.

*Eleccio vice-
comitum civi-
tatis London'.*

The same day, John Bederenden, draper, was elected Chamberlain; Robert Colbrook, "irmonger," and John Trymnel, mercer, were elected Wardens of London Bridge; and John Botiller and John Welles, Aldermen, Thomas Duffhous, Henry Frowyk, John Brokle, and John Melbourne, Commoners, were elected Auditors of the account of the Chamberlain and Wardens of London Bridge.

Afterwards, viz., on the eve of St. Michael, the said Sheriffs were sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow of the said Feast were presented, admitted, and accepted before the Barons of the Exchequer.

Sunday the Feast of Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], in the presence of William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, John Bartone, the Recorder, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knolles, Robert Chichele, William Walderne, William Crowmer, Thomas Fauconer, Nicholas Wottone, Henry Bartone, William Sevenoke, John Penne, John Gedney, John Perneys, Robert Widyngtone, Thomas Aleyn, Robert

*Eleccio
Maioris.*

Tatersalle, John Botiller, Robert Whityngham, John Coventre, John Mychell, John Reinwell, Ralph Barton, and John Wellys, Aldermen, John Westone and Richard Gosselyn, the Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty, summoned to the Guildhall for the election of a Mayor for the year ensuing, Robert Chichele was elected. Afterwards, viz., on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], he was sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow was presented, admitted, and accepted¹ before the Barons of the Exchequer.

*De custodi-
b' prisonum.*

Ordinance by the Mayor and Aldermen forbidding Sheriffs taking money from porters of the Compters, and the gaolers of Newgate, and Ludgate, for exercising their several offices, inasmuch as it induced these officers to practise extortion on their poor prisoners. [No date.]

Fos. cclxx b-
cclxxii.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of the Statute² passed by the Parliament of May, 1421, and forwarded with the writ. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England,³ at Westminster, 16 July, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421].

Fos. cclxxiii-
cclxxii b.

Similar writ touching a Statute⁴ passed in the Parliament of December, 1420, and forwarded with the writ. Witness the King at Westminster, 12 March, 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420-1].

Fo. cclxxii b.

Exoneracio.

2 April, 10 Henry V. [A.D. 1422], Thomas Hatfeld, draper, discharged by Robert Chichely, Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. cclxxiii.

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on 1 December next. No Sheriff to be returned. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, at Westminster, 20 Oct., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421].⁵

¹ Here there is nothing (not even an "&c.") to show that the new Mayor was *sworn* before the Barons of the Exchequer according to the usual custom.

² 'Stat. at Large,' i. 514-18.

³ Henry had left England for the last time on the 10th June.

⁴ 'Stat. at Large,' i. 513-14.

⁵ Return not recorded in the Letter-Book. Those elected were Thomas Fauconer and Nicholas Wotton, Aldermen, John Whatele and John Brokle, Commoners.

27 Nov., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], came Thomas Wyche, fishmonger, and acknowledged himself bound to John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, in the sum of £20.

The said bond to be void if, in the event of William, son of John Shawe, late vintner, who had entered the Order of Black Monks at St. Alban at the age of 19½ years, not living until he came of full age, the said Thomas pay to the said Chamberlain the sum of £20, to be delivered to the executors of the said John Shawe.

Afterwards the said William was proved to be of full age and the bond was cancelled.

10 Dec., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], came William Pelham and John Takle, "irmongers," executors of John, son of Henry Julian, late "irmonger," and delivered to John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, the sum of £60, in trust for Constance, sister of the said John Julian. Fo. cclxx b.

Afterwards, viz., on the 18th Dec., one moiety of the said sum was committed by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the aforesaid Chamberlain, to the custody of the said William Pelham, for the use of the said Constance. Sureties, viz., Martin Aleyn, "letherseller," and John Allesle, "irmonger."

The same day, the other moiety of the above sum was similarly entrusted to the above John Takle. [Sureties not recorded.]

15 Nov., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], ordinance by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen with the assent of the Commons to the effect (1) that thenceforth no one be allowed as bargeman, boatman, or ferryman, or as hosteler or herberger, on or near the Thames, unless he be of approved character, inasmuch as many evildoers had been accustomed to frequent places near the river and to defraud the King of customs due on their merchandise; (2) that a tax of sixpence be imposed on all boat-owners plying between the City and Gravesend, the proceeds to be devoted to the conservancy of the river, and that the charge for carrying each person to or from Gravesend should be twopence and no more; (3) that such boats should be properly manned to ensure the safety of the Fo. cclxxiv.

passengers; and (4) that the boat-owners should not quarrel among themselves over fares, but live together peaceably.

Fo. cclxxiv b. Precept to the Aldermen to hold their several Wardmotes and to make returns to the General Court to be held at the Guildhall on Monday after the Feast of Epiphany next [6 Jan.]; also to take measures for safeguarding their Wards and for protection against fire, &c. Dated 12 Dec. [A.D. 1421].

1 April, 10 Henry V. [A.D. 1422], Henry Merlawe, skinner, discharged by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

5 April, 10 Henry V. [A.D. 1422], came William Ferroure, "hostiller," before Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, in the Chamber of the Guildhall, and declared that whereas he had been admitted to the freedom of the City in the Mistery of "Hostillers" on the 23rd Jan., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409-10], he had for a long time been using the mistery of "Bruers"; he therefore prayed that he might be admitted to the freedom of the City in the latter Mistery. His prayer granted.

Fo. cclxxv. 20 Nov., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], ordinance forbidding aliens to practise as Brokers in the City, &c.

Fo. cclxxv b. Articles ordained by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City for regulating the exercise of "Brochage," which all Brokers were to be bound by oath to observe under penalty.

Fos. cclxxvi-cclxxvi b. Schedule of charges to be made by Brokers on various kinds of merchandise.¹

Fo. cclxxvii. Letter of Privy Seal from Queen Katherine announcing the birth of a Prince² at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Dated at Windsor Castle, 6 Dec. [A.D. 1421].

17 Jan., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421-2], John Godyn, grocer, who married Isabella, daughter of Sir Hugh Huls, Knt., received the sum of £70, parcel of a sum of £100 which the executors of the said Hugh deposited in Court as appears *supra*, fo. cclxi [b], which sum of £70 the said John Godyn bound himself to

¹ A similar schedule is printed in Arnold's 'Chronicle,' pp. 73-5.

² The unhappy Henry of Windsor,

who shortly afterwards succeeded to the throne as King Henry VI.

repay to the Chamberlain on the 26th Jan. following, pledging with the Chamberlain divers chattels as security.¹

Letters patent appointing John Gedney, Alderman, John Perneys, John Bacon, grocer, and John Patesley, goldsmith, to be collectors of the first moiety of the subsidy granted by the last Parliament, receiving the same in gold pieces that may be deficient in weight to the extent of 12 pence the noble (*i.e.* in pieces weighing 5*s.* 8*d.* instead of 6*s.* 8*d.*), pursuant to the ordinance thereon made.² Witness John Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, at Westminster, 29 Dec., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421].

Fo. cclxxvii b.

*Commissio pro
decima et
quintadecima
levand' d'no
Regi concess'
etc.*

20 Feb., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421-2], Ralph Sylkestone, grocer, discharged by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Fo. cclxxviii.

27 Feb., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421-2], Richard George, goldsmith, similarly discharged for like cause.

Letters patent appointing Robert Chichele, the Mayor, William Hankeford, Robert Hulle, William Babyngton, Robert Tyrwhit, John Cokayn, Roger Horton, William Cheyne, John Prestone, John Martyn, and John Bartone, senior, or any nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, or two (the Mayor being one), to be Justices for gaol-delivery of Neugate. Witness John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, at Westminster, 13 March, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421-2].

23 Jan., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421-2], came John Hamptone, senior, John Hamptone, junior, and Emma Hamptone, and each received in Court from Thomas Knolles, junior, the sum of £4 bequeathed to them by Thomas Hamptone, their brother. The same day the said Thomas Knolles delivered to the aforesaid John Hamptone, senior, and Emma, the sum of £4 to be given to Elianora Hamptone, another sister of Thomas Hamptone, now of full age, which the said John and Emma, as also William Markby and John Brampstone, goldsmiths, undertook to do and

Fo. cclxxviii b.

¹ This advance was made in accordance with the terms set out *supra*, fo. cclxi b.

² 'Rot. Parl.' iv. 151.

to bring back an acquittance to the said Thomas for the same within a month.

Precept by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen forbidding any one to molest John Carswell, "textwriter," contrary to the ordinance recorded in Letter-Book G, fo. lxi, whereby writers of court-hand and text and barbers were thenceforth discharged from serving on Sheriffs' inquests, except on an emergency.¹ Dated 4 March, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421-2].

4 March, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421-2], came Jeronimo Bragadini, merchant of Venice, notifying on oath the loss of his seal with engraving (as recorded) on the 25th February last, and that thenceforth he would not be responsible for anything bearing its stamp.

Fo. cclxxix

16 March, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421-2], the guardianship of William, son of William Otes, late mercer, together with his patrimony, committed by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, to Henry Frowyk, mercer, who married Isabella, the orphan's mother. Sureties, viz., William Estfeld and William Melreth, mercers.

7 April, 10 Henry V. [A.D. 1422], the guardianship of William, one of the sons of Thomas Griffith, late tailor (another son being named Giles), together with his patrimony, committed by the same to Master John Chesham, scrivener, for a term of 10 years. Sureties, viz., Salamon Oxney and William Russe, goldsmiths.

Afterwards, viz., on the 29th March, 13 Henry VI. [A.D. 1435], came the aforesaid Giles before Robert Otteley, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, being of full age, and received his patrimony from John Chichele, the Chamberlain.

Afterwards, viz., on the 11th Nov., 24 Henry [VI.], came the above William and acknowledged satisfaction for his patrimony.

Fo. cclxxix b.

*Custodia
c marc' Joh'i
filio Thome
Wotton' per-
tin' conc' Ric'o
Suttone.*

25 May, 10 Henry V. [A.D. 1422], the guardianship of John, son of Thomas Wottone, together with a sum of 100 marks, committed by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen to Richard Suttone, draper. Sureties, viz., William

¹ 'Cal. Letter-Book G,' p. 88.

Westone and Robert Bamburgh, drapers, and Ralph Silkestone, grocer.

Afterwards, viz., on the 26th Jan., 8 Henry VI. [A.D. 1429-1430], came the above orphan into court and acknowledged satisfaction.

5 April, 10 Henry V. [A.D. 1422], the guardianship of John and Johanna, children of John Tetford, brewer¹ (*pandoxator*), together with divers chattels, committed by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to John Holym, who married Margaret, the orphans' mother.²

Afterwards, viz., on the 27th August, 10 Henry VI. [A.D. 1432], came John Northwode, fishmonger, who married the above Johanna, and acknowledged he had received his wife's property, her brother the other orphan having died.

Acquittance under the Mayoralty seal, by William Cauntbrigge, late Mayor, to Peryn Claband (Clabaud?), merchant of Amiens, for the sum of 50 marks due to the City of London from merchants of Amiens, Corbie, and Neele, pursuant to a "composition" made between them. Dated 27 June, A.D. 1421.

Fo. cclxxx.

31 July, 10 Henry V. [A.D. 1422], came John Bergone, of co. Camb., brewer, before Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and declared that whereas he had been admitted to the freedom of the City on the 8th July, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], in the Mistery of "Bruers," he had long since exercised and was now exercising the mistery of "Talonghchaundelers," and not that of "Bruers"; he therefore prayed to be admitted to the freedom of the City in the former Mistery. His prayer granted at the instance and mediation of good men of the said Mistery, viz., William Wodefod, John Joye, John Parys, William Preest, John Bracy, Richard Drayton, and others [not named].

¹ Although his will bears date 10 June, 1421, it was not proved and enrolled in the Husting until January, 1433. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 461.

² Margaret Holym's will bears date 4 Dec., 1436, but it was not proved and enrolled in the Husting until July, 1443. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 501.

24 March, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421-2], the guardianship of John, William, and Agnes, children of John Parys,¹ late cutler, together with their patrimony, committed by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, to Richard Hatfeld, cutler, for a term of 5 years. Sureties, viz., John Broke, "wexchaundeler," Nicholas Ryngwode, "bladesmyth," Philip Waltham and John Kirtone, cutlers.

Fo. cclxxx b.

10 June, 10 Henry V. [A.D. 1422], the guardianship of Margaret, daughter of William Radwelle, "stokfisshmonger," together with her patrimony, similarly committed to John Lawney and Margaret his wife, widow of the said William. Sureties, viz., William Sharp, Robert Pellikan, and Henry Martyn, "stokfisshmongers."

Afterwards, viz., on the 28th May, 5 Henry VI. [A.D. 1427], the property of the above orphan was delivered to her husband, Robert Isham.

Afterwards, viz., on the 2nd Aug., 5 Henry VI. [A.D. 1427], John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, paid certain rents due to the said Robert Isham for a tenement held by Stephen Barry, "stokfisshmongere."

30 March, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], the guardianship of Idonia and Isabella, daughters of Giles Alardson, late haberdasher, together with their patrimony, committed by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen to Herman Spryk, goldsmith. Sureties, viz., John Pattesle and John Legat, goldsmiths.

Fo. cclxxxi.

20 July, 10 Henry V. [A.D. 1422], came Alice, widow of William Lynne,² Robert Colbroke, "irmonger," and John

¹ Mention made of another daughter named Alice, who with her sister Agnes afterwards received the portions of their brothers John and William, who died under age. The sisters were afterwards married, viz., Agnes to Lucas Goodburgh and Alice to John Gate, as recorded *infra*, p. 269.

² His will, dated 6 Aug., 1421, was proved and enrolled in the Husting in Nov., 1423. 'Cal. of Wills,'

ii. 433. He is there described as a grocer, whereas he is recorded *infra* as a woolman or woolmonger. The discrepancy is only apparent, for the term "Grocer" originally denoted one who dealt in all kinds of heavy wares (*averia ponderis*). Moreover, John Chirchman, a well-known member of the Grocers' Company in the reign of Richard II., had the custody of the King's Wool Tron, and built a house on Wool-

Bloxham, grocer, executors of the said William; William Sevenok, grocer, surveyor of the testament of the said William, and John Sergeaunt, "armurer," and acknowledged themselves bound to John Bederendene, the Chamberlain, in the sum of £1,750, the same to be paid at Michaelmas, 1424.

The said recognisance to be void if the executors and others aforesaid bring into Court before the day mentioned a true inventory of the property of the deceased and also the above sum for the use of Robert, Margaret, Alice, and Beatrix, children of the said William Lynne.

On the 18th Jan., 2 Henry VI. [A.D. 1423-4], the sum of £700 was delivered to the Chamberlain by William Sevenok, Alderman, in part payment of the patrimony bequeathed to his children by William Lynne, late woolman (*lanar'*).

A general acquittance under the Common Seal by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty to Johanna, widow and executrix of John Hille, fishmonger, late Chamberlain of the City, and to Richard Quatermayns and Richard Esgastone, fishmongers, her co-executors, touching the said Chamberlain's accounts. Dated 20 Aug., 10 Henry V. [A.D. 1422].

Afterwards the said John and William [children of John Parys, *supra*, p. 268] died under age, and their money remained to the aforesaid Agnes *and* Alice. Whereupon, on the 16th Aug., 8 Henry VI. [A.D. 1430], came Lucas Goodburgh, husband of the said Agnes, and John Gate, husband of the said Alice, and received from John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, the money due to their respective wives.

Indenture of lease by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty to Sir Henry Balle, Rector of the Church of St. Nicholas Shambles, Robert Brounesbury, William Hunt, John Asshwell, and John Ropele, churchwardens of the same, and the rest of the parishioners, of a plot of land near the churchyard wall and a tenement formerly belonging to John Boterwyk; to hold the same for a term of 90 years at an annual rent of

wharf in Tower Ward for the purpose of tronage or weighing of wool.	Stow's 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), i. 108.
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Fo. cclxxxi b.

26s. 8d., under certain prescribed conditions. Dated 3 Sept., 10 Henry V. [A.D. 1422?].¹

Wednesday, 13 Oct., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], petition by William [Clerk], the Prior and Convent of the Church of Holy Trinity within Aldgate, to William Cauntbrigge, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, to be allowed to pull down and reconstruct a certain wall in the parish of St. Katherine, on a portion of the common soil of the City, on the understanding that each party foregoes the payment of certain rents due to the other party. The petition granted.

Fo. cclxxxii John Toterich, baker, arrested for pretending to be a baker and purveyor of the Prince's household, and for seizing carts² belonging to William Nicholl, Thomas Shepherd, and John Edryche, of Tottenham, and other carters [not named], which he refused to give up except on payment of various sums of money. The seizure took place on the Eve of St. Mary Magdalen [22 July], 10 Henry V. [A.D. 1422], in the parish of St. Botolph without Aldrychesgate.

Fo. cclxxxii b. Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for the preservation of peace in the City, the King Henry V. having died and been succeeded by his son.³ Witness the King at Westminster, 1 Oct., 1 Henry VI. [A.D. 1422].

Writ by King Henry VI., heir to the realm of France,⁴ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on Monday before the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.]. No Sheriff to be returned. Witness the King at Wyndesore, 29 Sept., 1 Henry VI. [A.D. 1422].⁵

¹ It is to be noted that the reign of Henry was officially considered to have ended on the 31st Aug. in the tenth year (Rymer, 'Fœdera,' x. 253).

² The impressment of carts and horses was forbidden by Article 30 of the Great Charter of 1215. Stubbs, 'Select Charters,' p. 300.

³ Henry V. had died at the Bois de Vincennes, near Paris, on the night of the 31st Aug., or early in

the morning of the 1st Sept., 1422, being succeeded by his son Henry of Windsor, an infant not yet a year old, having been born the 6th Dec., 1421. (Kingsford's 'Henry V.,' p. 383.)

⁴ By virtue of the Peace of Troyes (May, 1420), whereby his father had been acknowledged as regent and heir of France.

⁵ Return not recorded in the Letter-Book. Those elected were Thomas

Letter from Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, to John [Kempe], Bishop of London, presenting John Crosse, chaplain, for admission to one of the five chantries founded in the Guildhall Chapel by Adam Fraunceys and Henry Frowyk, vacant by the death of Sir John Kyrkeby. Dated 9 Oct., 1422. Fo. cclxxxiii.

14 Oct., 1 Henry VI. [A.D. 1422], Edmund de Denne, "wodemonger," discharged by Robert Chichele, the Mayor, and the Aldermen from serving on juries, &c., owing to increasing old age.

Writ of *certiorari* to Robert Chichele, the Mayor, touching the cause of detention of John Teukesbury by the Sheriffs, as he was required to prosecute an appeal against John Oyle de Lexlepe, of co. Kildare, Ireland, for robbery, &c. Witness W[illiam] Hankford at Westminster, 20 Oct., 1 Henry VI. [A.D. 1422].¹

A court of the Lord the King, held in the Chamber of the Guildhall on Saturday the 26th Sept., 1 Henry VI. [A.D. 1422], there being present Robert Chichele, the Mayor, John Fray, the Recorder, William Crowmere, Thomas Fauconer, Nicholas Wottone, Henry Bartone, William Sevenoke, Robert Whityng-ham, John Perneys, John Blakden, John Gedney, Ralph Bartone, John Coventre, Aldermen, William Westone and Richard Gosselyn, Sheriffs, &c. Fo. cclxxxiii b.

On which day came the Masters and all the freemen of the Mistery of Weavers of woollen cloth called "Wollenwevers" on summons issued at the instance of the Masters and good men of the Mistery of "Lynenwevers," and being asked why they did not permit the Masters of the "Lynenwevers" to survey those of the Mistery of Wollenwevers who wove linen cloth, they said that by charters of the King's progenitors and for

Fauconer, and John Michell, Aldermen, Henry Frowyk and Thomas Boteler, Commoners. Parliament was opened on the 6th Nov. by the King's uncle, the Duke of Gloucester.

¹ A marginal note states that the re-

turn to the writ is entered in the Rolls of Memoranda during the Mayoralty of William Waldern, anno 1 Henry VI. It does not appear, however, in the Roll for that date.

a certain ferm rated on each loom of their mistery they were alone permitted to survey the work of weavers, and that the "Lynenwevers" and their looms were under the guild and rule of the weavers of woollen cloth and not *e converso*, because the work of either mistery was one and the same. Being asked if the men of the Mistery of Lynenwevers contributed to the ferm, they said No. Thereupon, the charters and proceedings at divers *Ilers*¹ having been examined, it was adjudged that thenceforth the said misteries should be held to be distinct, and that the Masters and good men of each Mistery should survey work of their own Mistery done by men of the other Mistery.

Fo. cclxxxiv. 13 Oct., 1 Henry VI. [A.D. 1422], came William, son of Richard Wodecok, late salter, being of full age, and received from John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, the sum of £161, his portion of patrimony formerly committed to the custody of John Hille, a late Chamberlain, as appears *supra*, fo. clxiv.

Memorandum touching the lease of a tenement in the parish of Little St. Bartholomew, in the Ward of Bradstrete, devised by Thomas White, late tiler, to Margery his wife, subject to a payment of 10 marks to Johanna his daughter, when she should have arrived at the age of discretion or marry. The said Margery having married Hugh Hanchirche, fishmonger, the said tenement was let to William Multon, skinner, on the 7th May, anno 10 Henry V. [A.D. 1422], for a term of four years, so as to produce the said sum of 10 marks.

Afterwards, viz., on the 24th Aug., 8 Henry VI. [A.D. 1430], came John Woderove, cordwainer, who had married the above Johanna, and received the above money.

[Fo. cclxxxiv b, *blank*.]

Fo. cclxxxv. Monday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 1 Henry VI. [A.D. 1422], in the presence of Robert Chichele, the Mayor, John Fray, the Recorder, Richard Whityngtone, William Crowmere, Thomas Fauconer, Nicholas Wottone, William Sevenok, William Cauntbrigge, John Reinwelle, John Perneys,

¹ Certain privileges claimed by the Weavers of London were called in | question at the *Iler* of 1321. 'Liber Cust.,' i. 416-25.

Robert Tatersall, Ralph Bartone, Robert Widyngtone, John Coventre, John Wellys, John Blakden, John Botiller, Robert Whityngham, Nicholas James, Aldermen, and William¹ [*sic*] Westone and Richard Gosselyn, the Sheriffs, and very many Commoners summoned to the Guildhall for the election of Sheriffs, William Estfeld, mercer, was elected one of the Sheriffs for the year ensuing by the Mayor, and Robert Tatersall, draper, was elected the other Sheriff by the Commonalty.

The same day John Bederenden, draper, was elected Chamberlain; Robert Colbrook, "irmonger," and John Trymnell, mercer, were elected Wardens of London Bridge; and John Botiller and John Welles, Aldermen, and Thomas Dufhous, Henry Frowyk, John Brokle, and John Melbourne, Commoners, were elected Auditors of the account of the said Chamberlain and Wardens.

Afterwards, on the eve of St. Michael next following, the said Sheriffs were sworn at the Guildhall, and on the morrow of the said Feast were presented, admitted, and accepted before the Barons of the Exchequer.

[Fo. cclxxxv b *blank*.]

Here follows a schedule of the names of those convicted of immorality, &c. (the greater number being chantry priests), between January, 1400-1, and July, 1439. (*Editor*.)

Fos. cclxxxvi-
ccxc.

6 Jan., 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1400-1], William Brode, chaplain, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, taken [in adultery] with Agnes, wife of Thomas Steel.

*Willm's Brode
Capellanus.*

28 Feb., the same year, Ralph Sawcetone, of co. Camb., taken with a silver dish broken into small pieces belonging to the lord the Prince.

*Rad'us Sawce-
ton de com'
Cantebreg'
capt' cum uno
disc' arg'.*

10 May, 2 Henry IV. [A.D. 1401], John Kyng, chaplain, of Haukhurst, co. Kent, taken in adultery with Margaret Pountfreyt in the Ward of Bisshopesgate.

*Joh'es Kyng
Capellanus.*

18 May, the same year, Thomas Duresme, chaplain in the church of St. Laurence Pulteney, taken with Dionisia Pounsounby, unmarried, in the Ward of Candelwykstrete.

*Thomas
Duresme
Capellanus.*

¹ A clerical error for *John*.

- Willm's Clerk
Sompnour.* 27 June, 3 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], William Clerk, "sompnour,"¹ married, taken in adultery with Alice, wife of John Budde, brewer, in the Ward of Billyngesgate.
- Rad'us She-
ford Capell'us.* 10 Nov., 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1402], Ralph Sheford, of co. Beds, chaplain, taken with Alice Spicer, unmarried, in Tower Ward, &c.
- Bernardus
Figeyr Gas-
coyn.* 14 May, 4 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403], Bernard Figeyr, "Gascoyn," taken in adultery with Cristina, wife of John "Filtz" Piers, &c.
- Will'mus Lyn-
tone persona.* 19 May, the same year, William Lyntone, parson of the church of Buxtede, co. Sussex, taken with Johanna, wife of John Cobham, in the Ward of Candelwykstrete, &c.
- Joh'es Cook
Smyth.* 16 Jan., 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1403-4], John Cook, "Smyth," taken with Margaret, wife of John Clerk, in the Ward of Billyngesgate, &c.
- Rog'us Cokke
Cordewaner.* 28 Jan., the same year, Roger Cokke, "cordewaner," taken in adultery with Isabella, wife of John Blosme, in the Ward of Bradstrete, &c.
- Johannes
Broun Skry-
vener mari-
tatus.* 13² June, 5 Henry IV. [A.D. 1404], John Broun, "skryvener," married, taken in adultery with Johanna Benyngtone, unmarried, in the Ward of Bradestrete, &c.
- Joh'es Forster
Taillour.* 3 June, the same year, John Forster, "taillour," taken in adultery with Margaret, wife of Richard Paynell, in the Ward of Bassyngeshawe, &c.
- 13 June, the same year, John Broun, "skryvener," married, taken in adultery with Johanna Benyngtone, unmarried, in the Ward of Bradestrete, &c.³
- Laurencius
Caldecote
Capell'us.* 23 May, 6 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], Laurence Caldecote, chaplain, taken in adultery with Idonea Salle, married, in the Ward of Billyngesgate, &c.
- Ricardus
Mountgombry
Capell'.* 16 Nov., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405], Richard Mountgombry, chaplain, taken in adultery with Dionisia, wife of Peter Peper, in Tower Ward, &c.

¹ One who summoned delinquents to appear in (ecclesiastical) courts. Chaucer, it will be remembered, gives his "sompnour" of 'The Canterbury Tales' a character for lechery.

² *Decimo* inserted after *tercio*. The entry is repeated *infra*.

³ The entry already recorded *supra*.

Friday, 8 Jan., 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1405-6], Thomas Poule, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Dunstan "Est," taken in adultery with Johanna Hukster, in the Ward of Bysshopesgate, &c.

*Thomas Poule
Capell'.*

Thursday, 11 March, the same year [A.D. 1405-6], in the presence of John Wodecok, the Mayor, Thomas Knolles, John Shadworth, Geoffrey Brooke, Henry Pountfreyt, Aldermen, William Crowmer and Henry Bartone, the Sheriffs, Sir John atte Lake, [chaplain], taken in adultery with Isabella Tyler, in the Ward of Bisshopesgate Without.

*D'us Joh'es
atte lake
Capell'.*

The same day, in the presence of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, Sir William Retham, chaplain, taken in adultery with Johanna Kempster, in Sekollane,¹ in the Ward of Farndon Without.

FO. cclxxxvib.
*D'us Will'mus
Retham
Capell'.*

Monday, 9 May, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], in the presence of John Wodecok, the Mayor, the Recorder, John Hadlee, Thomas Knolles, William Waldern, William Venour, William Louthe [Aldermen], [and] Henry Bartone, [Sheriff], John de Louthe, "tynker," taken in adultery with Johanna Waterlyd, in the Ward of Aldgate, &c.

*Joh'nes de
Louthe
Tynker.*

Tuesday, 15 May [*sic*], the same year, in the presence of John Wodecok, the Mayor, the Recorder, [John] Hadlee, [Thomas] Knolles, [Richard] Whityngtone, [Richard] Merlawe, and [Thomas] Fauconer, [Aldermen], John Newman, taken in adultery with Cecilia Brinkhill, in the Ward of Billyngesgate, &c.

*Joh'es New-
man.*

8 June in the same year, in the presence of the Mayor, the Recorder, [Richard] Whityngtone, William Askham, Geoffrey Brooke, Henry Pountfreyt, [Aldermen], and Henry Bartone, one of the Sheriffs, John Rede, "webbe,"² a married man, taken in adultery with Johanna Stylerd, in the Ward of Bisshopesgate.

*Joh'es Rede
Webbe
maritat'.*

15 June, the same year, in the presence of the Mayor, the Recorder, Richard Whityngton, William Louthe, Henry Pountfreyt, [Aldermen], and William Crowmer, one of the Sheriffs, Geoffrey Briggewater, unmarried, "foundour," taken with

*Galfridus
Briggewater
Foundour non
maritatus.*

¹ Sea-coal Lane.

² Weaver.

Agnes Wyche in the Ward of Aldersgate, between whom a certain Agnes Tikell acted as procuress (*fuit bauda*).

*Rad'us Dede
Capellanus.*

20 July, the same year, in the presence of the aforesaid Mayor and Recorder, John Hende, Thomas Knolles, William Venour, and Thomas Polle, Aldermen, Henry Bartone and William Crowmer, the Sheriffs, Ralph Dede, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Mary Bothawe, taken with Johanna Rowland in the Ward of Bisshopesgate, &c.

*Joh'es Andrewe
Capell'.*

25 Aug., the same year, Sir John Andrewe, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Mary le Bow, taken in adultery with Margaret Notle in the same parish on the eve of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], &c.

[*Note.*—The last ten cases of the arrest of chantry priests for immorality took place during the Mayoralty of John Wodecok, and it is significant of the character of this Mayor that to him is due the initiation of the custom of holding a religious service previous to the election of every Mayor, as practised down to the present day.—*Editor.*]

*Joh'es Marchall
ho[mo]
solutus.*

3 Nov., 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1406], John Marchall, unmarried, taken in adultery with Alice, wife of John Gyboun, “tyler,” in the Ward of Billyngesgate, by John Hyndon, beadle (*preconem*) of the Ward.

*Joh'es Jolyf
Porter con-
jugatus.*

7 Sept., 8 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407], in the presence of Richard Whityngtone, the Mayor, the Recorder, Thomas Knolles, John Wodecok, William Askham, William Venour, Robert Chichele, William Crowmer, John Warner, and Thomas Polle, Aldermen, John Jolyf, “porter,” a married man, taken in adultery with Johanna Fithyan in the Ward of Billyngesgate, by John Hyndon, beadle (*bedellum*).

*D'us Will'
Langeford
Capell'.*

14 Dec., the same year, in the presence of the aforesaid Mayor, the Recorder, John Hadle, John Hende, Geoffrey Brook, John Warner, Henry Pountfreyt, William Venour, Richard Merlawe, and Thomas Fauconer, Aldermen, Sir William Langford, chaplain, taken in adultery with Margaret, wife of Richard Dod, tailor, in the Ward of Bisshopesgate Without, by the beadle, &c., and the said Richard Dod, the

husband of the said Margaret, acted as bawd (*pronuba*) between them, and received 40 pence for so doing from the said chaplain, &c. Thereupon it was adjudged by the Court that the said Richard Dod should stand on the pillory three hours, &c.

23 Jan., 9 Henry IV. [A.D. 1407-8], in the presence of William Staundone, the Mayor, Robert Chichele, Geoffrey Brook, and Stephen Spelman, Aldermen, and Henry Haltone, one of the Sheriffs, Sir John Benyngton, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Botolph without Bishshopesgate, taken in adultery with "Elienora" Bynam, widow, in the Ward of Lymstret, by the beadle of Lymstret and the beadle of Cornhill, &c. *Joh'es Benyngton Capell'.*

11 Oct., 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1409], in the presence of Drew Barantyn, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Thomas Knolles, John Shaddeworth, William Askham, Robert Chichile, Richard Merlawe, Thomas Fauconer, and William Louthe, Aldermen, William Chichile and John Lane, the Sheriffs, Sir Nicholas Nangyll, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Nicholas Hacon, taken in adultery with Katherine Bislee. *Fo. cclxxxvii. Nich'us Nangill Capell'.*

17 June, 11 Henry IV. [A.D. 1410], in the presence of Richard Merlawe, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Robert Chichele, Thomas Fauconer, Henry Bartone, Thomas Pyke, Aldermen, and William Chichele, one of the Sheriffs, there was brought hither Sir Thomas Canell, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Andrew, "Baynardcastell," who was taken in adultery with Johanna Gland in the Ward of Castelbaynard, &c. *Thomas Canell' Capell'.*

16 July, 12 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], in the presence of Thomas Knolles, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, John Shaddeworth, William Walderne, John Penne, Henry Haltone, and John Lane, Aldermen, there was brought hither Sir William Cosyn, chaplain, who was taken in adultery with Alice, wife of John Forest, "mason," in the Ward of Vintry. *Willm's Cosyn Capell'us.*

30 Dec., 13 Henry IV. [A.D. 1411], in the presence of Robert Chichele, the Mayor, Richard Whityngtone, Richard Merlawe, William Walderne, Henry Bartone, John Penne, Walter Cottone, Aldermen, and John Reynewelle, one of the Sheriffs, there was brought hither Sir William Derham, chaplain, cele- *Willm's Derham Capell'.*

brating in the church of St. Olave near Martlane, who was taken in adultery with Margaret Bokenham in Tower Ward.

*Thomas Maior
marital'.*

20 May, 14 Henry IV. [*sic*],¹ [A.D. 1413], in the presence of William Walderne, the Mayor, Richard Whityngtone, Drew Barantyn, William Askham, Richard Merlawe, William Crowmer, Henry Bartone, William Louthe, and Stephen Speleman, Aldermen, William Sevenok and Ralph Lobenham, Sheriffs, there was brought hither Thomas Maior, a married man, who was taken with Alice Muskham, a married woman, in the Ward of Baynardescastell by the Constable and Beadle of the Ward.

*Adam Kirkeby
Capell'us.*

5 Feb., 1 Henry V. [A.D. 1413-14], in the presence of William Crowmer, the Mayor, Richard Whityngtone, Thomas Knolles, Richard Merlawe, Robert Chichele, William Walderne, and Nicholas Wottone, Aldermen, John Michell and John Suttone, the Sheriffs, there was brought hither Sir Adam Kirkeby, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Antony, who was taken in adultery with Alice Fray in the Ward of Vintry.

*Walt'us En-
stone Capell'.*

7 March, 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414-15], in the presence of William Crowmer, the Mayor,² Drew Barantyn, William Askham, Richard Merlawe, Thomas Fauconer, Henry Bartone, Stephen Speleman, Henry Haltone, John Lane, William Norton, Thomas Pyke, and William Chichele, Aldermen, there was brought hither Sir Walter Enstone, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Martin Oteswich, who was taken with Johanna Dutton in the Ward of Crepylgate Within by the Constable and Beadle of the Ward, &c.

*Will's Nech-
tone Capell'.*

The eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], in the presence of William Crowmer, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Thomas Knolles, Thomas Fauconer, Henry Bartone, Henry Haltone, Stephen Speleman, William Louthe, Thomas Pyke, and John Penne, Aldermen, there was brought hither Sir William Nechtone, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Bride, who was taken in adultery with Matilda de

¹ A clerical error for 1 Henry V.

² There appears to be a similar error here, as Crowmer ceased to

be Mayor in Oct., 1414, being succeeded by Thomas Fauconer.

la Mare. And proclamation having been made according to the custom of the City, &c., that no one should thenceforth hire him, &c., under penalty of paying to the Chamber twice the amount paid for his salary, &c., and he is sent to the Ordinary, &c., to purge himself, &c.¹

The same day, in the presence of the said Mayor, the Recorder, and Aldermen, there was brought hither Sir John Sele, chaplain, who was taken in adultery with Alice Savage, a married woman, by the Constable and Beadle of the Ward of Farndone Without. And proclamation having been made according to the custom of the City [&c., *ut supra*].

Fo. cclxxxvii b.

*Joh'es Sele
Capell's.*

17 March, 4 Henry V. [A.D. 1416-17], in the presence of Henry Bartone, the Mayor, John Bartone, the Recorder, William Cauntbrigge, John Reinwelle, John Perneys, Thomas Pyke, and Ralph Bartone, [Aldermen], there was brought hither Sir John Prynce, chaplain, who was taken in adultery with Petronilla Albright by the Constable and Beadle of the Ward of Bridge. And proclamation having been made [&c., *ut supra*].

*Joh'es Prynce
Capell's.*

The eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 2 Henry V. [A.D. 1414], in the presence of William Crowmer, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Thomas Knolles, Thomas Fauconer, Henry Bartone, Henry Haltone, Stephen Speleman, William Louthe, Thomas Pyke, and John Penne, Aldermen, there was brought hither Sir Henry West, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Laurence Jewry, who was taken in adultery with Alice, wife of John Curteys, by the Constable and Beadle of Vintry Ward. And proclamation having been made [&c., *ut supra*].

*Henricus West
Capell's.*

Monday after the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 3 Henry V. [A.D. 1415], in the presence of William Crowmer, the Mayor,² John Prestone, the Recorder, Richard Whityngtone, Drew Barantyn, Thomas Knolles, Richard Merlawe, William Crowmer [*sic*], Henry Bartone, Walter Cotton, Henry Haltone, [William] Nortone, Thomas Pyke, John Penne, and John Gedney, Aldermen, there was brought hither Sir Miles Tiler of

*Miles Tiler
Capell's.*

¹ The fact of proclamation being made to the above effect, and of the
criminous clerk having been handed

over to the Ordinary for purgation, is frequently repeated *infra*.

² An error. See note *supra*, p. 278.

“Brekenhok,” chaplain, celebrating in St. Paul’s churchyard, who was taken in adultery with Margaret, wife of Richard Buntynge, “laborer,” in the Ward of [blank] by the Constable and Beadle of the said Ward. And proclamation having been made [&c., *ut supra*].

*Rogerus
Wattes
Capell's.*

Friday, 31 Jan., 8 Henry V. [A.D. 1420-1], in the presence of the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, there was brought hither Sir Roger Wattes, chaplain, celebrating for the Fraternity of Fishmongers in the church of St. Magnus the Martyr, who was taken in adultery (*in luxeria*) with Alice Soureby by the Constable and Beadle of the Ward. And proclamation having been made [&c., *ut supra*].

*Joh'es Stafford
Rector eccl'ie
S'ci Andree in
Estchepe
London'*

Friday, 23 May, 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421], in the presence of the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, there was brought hither Sir John Stafford, Rector of the church of St. Andrew in Estchepe, who was taken with Ann Avery, late wife of John Avery, parish clerk of the said church, by the Constable and Beadle of the Ward of Billyngesgate. And proclamation having been made [&c., *ut supra*].¹

*Johannes Stok-
wode Capell's.*

Wednesday, 10 [month omitted], 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421 ?], in the presence of the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, there was brought hither Sir John Stokwode, chaplain, who was taken in adultery with Juliana, wife of John Padiam, “bocher,” by the Constable and Beadle of the Ward of Bassyngeshawe. And proclamation having been made [&c., *ut supra*].

Fo. cclxxxviii.
*Thomas Pope
Capell's.*

10 Dec., 1 Henry VI. [A.D. 1422], Sir Thomas Pope, celebrating in the church of St. Margaret Lothbury, [and] William Millengy, celebrating in the church of St. Laurence Jewry, taken about midnight in secular clothes, short and stained, hoods cut and torn (*gaggatis*), with a “polax” and a “pikedstaf” in their hands, &c., which clothes were borrowed by the said Thomas of one called John Wolf, “brouderer,” &c.

¹ John Stafford (or “Trafford,” as his name appears in Newcourt’s ‘Repertorium’) does not appear to have succeeded in purging himself before the Ordinary, for he was super-

seded as Rector of St. Andrew Hubbard in the following October.

² Riley, ‘Memorials,’ Introd., p. xlvii. For Millengy cf. *infra*, p. 282.

27 July, 10 Henry V. [A.D. 1422], Sir William Pychefork, celebrating in the College of St. Michael,¹ Crookedlane, taken in adultery with Alice Wyke, otherwise called "Melyour," a married woman, as is said, in the parish of St. Michael de Quenhithe, by the Constable and Beadle of the same Ward.

*Willm's
Pychefork
Capell'.*

The last day of February, 2 Henry VI. [A.D. 1423-4], John Leche, "felmongere," was brought hither by the Constable and Beadle of the Ward of Bredstreet for that he allowed one David Holand, taillour, late residing in the Wardrobe of the Lady Oxford, to lie naked in bed alone with Johanna his wife, in which plight (*in tali plita*) the said Constable and Beadle found them respectively and took them to the Compter, &c. And the said John Leche and his wife as well as the said David, being convicted thereof, were committed to the pillory on Cornhill there to remain for one hour, and thence they were to be taken before the Ordinary.

*Joh'es Leche
felmongere.*

6 Nov., 3 Henry VI. [A.D. 1424], Richard Henney, chaplain, Vicar of the Collegiate Church of St. Martin le Grand, taken naked with Johanna, wife of Pascow Meneux, "taillour," who was also naked, in the parish of St. Stephen Colmanstrete, between the hours of 11 and 12, by the Constable and Beadle, &c. And proclamation having been made [*&c., ut supra*].

*Ric'us Henney
Capell'.*

19 Nov., the same year, in the presence of the Mayor, the Recorder, William Estfeld, John Bithewater, Simon Seman, John Welles, and Ralph Bartone, [Aldermen], there was brought hither Sir Richard "Eldward," chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Edmund, Lombard Street, who had hitherto oftentimes frequented and lain at night in a house with Agnes Forster in the parish of St. Mary Fancherche.² And proclamation having been made [*&c., ut supra*].

*Ric'us
"Eldward"
Capell'us.*

14 June, 3 Henry VI. [A.D. 1425], in the presence of the Mayor, the Recorder, and Aldermen, there was brought hither Sir Nicholas Troote, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Mary de Aldermarichurch, who was taken in adultery with Johanna, wife of Thomas Whityngham, by the Constable and

*Nich'us Troote
Capell'.*

¹ Founded by William Walworth. |
Stow's 'Survey' (ed. Kingsford), i. 220.

² Otherwise St. Gabriel Fenchurch.

Beadle of the Ward of Walbrooke, between 11 and 12 at night. And proclamation having been made [&c., *ut supra*].

Willm's Grace
Rector eccl'ie
Trinitat'.

18 Sept., 5 Henry VI. [A.D. 1426], Sir William Grace, Rector of the church of Holy Trinity the Less, taken in adultery with Johanna, wife of John Baron, by the Constable and Beadle of the Ward of Quenhithe, in the morning (*in aurora*). And proclamation having been made [&c., *ut supra*].¹

Joh'es Stephen-
ton Capell'us.

2 Oct., the same year, in the presence of the Mayor, the Recorder, and Aldermen, there was brought hither Sir John Stephenton, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. George de Puddynglane,² who was taken in adultery with Johanna Hebden, a widow, about 11 o'clock at night, by John Rowe, the Beadle of Baynardescastell. And proclamation having been made [&c., *ut supra*].

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Willm's
Myllyngy
Capell'us.

8 Nov., the same year, Sir William Millyngy, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Andrew near Cornhull,³ was taken in adultery with Katherine, wife of John Wyngy, about 7 o'clock in the morning, by Robert Elkyn, Constable of the Ward of Langbourne. And proclamation having been made [&c., *ut supra*].

Joh'es War-
ham Capell'us.

10 Jan., 5 Henry VI. [A.D. 1426-7], in the presence of John Reynwelle, the Mayor, John Simond, the Recorder, Nicholas Wottone, Henry Bartone, William Cauntbrigge, John Michell, John Coventre, Robert Tatersale, Ralph Bartone, John Gosselyn,⁴ Nicholas James, William Estfeld, Robert Whityngnam, Simon Seman, John Bithewater, Henry Frowyk, John Brokle, and Robert Ottele, Aldermen, there was brought hither Sir John Warham, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Michael de Quenhithe, who was taken in adultery with Margaret Ryver,

¹ This City rector either succeeded in proving his innocence or the Ordinary must have dealt lightly with him, for he appears to have continued to hold his benefice until his death in 1453. See Hennessy's ed. of Newcourt's 'Repertorium,' p. 250.

² Otherwise known as St. George, Botolph Lane, or St. George, Eastcheap.

³ St. Andrew Undershaft.

⁴ *John* Gosselyn does not appear among the 'Aldermen of the City of London,' recently compiled by the Rev. A. B. Beaven. There was a *Richard* Gosselyn, an Alderman, about this time. It is, no doubt, a clerical error which is repeated on the next page.

widow, otherwise called "shepster,"¹ about 3 o'clock in the morning, by the Constable and Beadle of the Ward of Quenhithe. And proclamation having been made [&c., *ut supra*].

21 Jan., the same year, in the presence of John Reynwelle, the Mayor, John Simond, the Recorder, Thomas Knolles, William Crowmer, Nicholas Wottone, Henry Bartone, John Coventre, John Gedney, Ralph Bartone, Robert Tatersale, John Perneys, John Welles, Nicholas James, John² Gosselyn, William Estfeld, Simon Seman, John Bithewater, Henry Frowyk, and Robert Ottele, Aldermen, John Higham, one of the Sheriffs, John Bederenden, the Chamberlain, [and] Alexander Anne, Common Serjeant, there was brought hither Walter Martyn, a married man, servant to John Traynell, a serjeant to Robert Arnold, the other Sheriff, who was taken in adultery with Johanna Kynot by the Constable and Beadle of the Ward of Lymstret, &c. And because the cognizance of such cases appertains to the Ordinary, he is sent to the Ordinary to be by him punished canonically, &c.

*Walterus
Martyn.*

25 Jan., 7 Henry VI. [A.D. 1428-9], in the presence of Henry Bartone, the Mayor, John Coventre, John Gedney, John Welles, Ralph Bartone, Simon Seman, and John Perneys, Aldermen, John Abbot and Thomas Dufhous, Sheriffs, there was brought hither Sir John River, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Swithin in Candelwykstrete, who was taken in adultery with Elizabeth Clerk, of Coventre, between 9 and 10 o'clock at night, by the Constable and Beadle of the Ward of Billyngesgate. And proclamation having been made [&c., *ut supra*].

*Joh'es River
Capell'us.*

15 Feb., the same year, in the presence of Henry Bartone, the Mayor, John Simond, the Recorder, Thomas Fauconer, Nicholas Wottone, John Coventre, John Gedney, Ralph Bartone, Robert Whitynham, Robert Otteley, John Welles, William Estfeld, John Brokle, Simon Seman, John Perneys, Nicholas James, Thomas Wandesford, Robert Tatersale, and Henry Frowyk [Aldermen], there was brought hither John Rede, who

Fo. cclxxxix.

Joh'es Rede.

¹ A female cutter-out of garments, being the feminine of *shaper* (Skeat). See *Notes and Queries*, 30 Jan., 1886.

Cf. Katherine "la Shepistere," Hust. Roll 44 (183).

² See note *supra*, p. 282.

was taken in adultery with Alice, wife of Nicholas Clerk, by the Constable and Beadle of the Ward of Billyngesgate, &c. And because the cognizance of such cases appertains to the Ordinary, he is sent to the Ordinary to be by him punished canonically, &c.

*Robertus
Whittok' al'
Stanbrigge.*

14 April, 7 Henry VI. [A.D. 1429], in the presence of Henry Barton, the Mayor, John Simond, the Recorder, John Welles, Robert Tatersale, Ralph Bartone, Henry Frowyk, and Ralph Skynnard, Aldermen, and Thomas Dufhous, one of the Sheriffs, there was brought hither Sir Robert Stanbrigge, otherwise called Sir Robert Whittok, chaplain, celebrating in the church of All Hallows de Honylane in the Ward of Chepe, who was taken in adultery with Johanna Walter de Chelmesford, widow, about 11 o'clock, in the chamber of the said Sir Robert in the parish of St. Mary Somerset in the Ward of Quenhithe, by the Constable and Beadle of the Ward. And proclamation having been made [&c., *ut supra*].

*Gilb'tus
Taverner.*

10 Aug., the same year, in the presence of Henry Bartone, the Mayor, Thomas Fauconer and Ralph Bartone, Aldermen, and Thomas Dufhous, one of the Sheriffs, there were brought hither Gilbert Taverner, "taillour," and Cecilia Heggerley, wife of Hugh Heggerley, who were taken in adultery in the parish of St. Sepulchre in the Ward of Farndon Without, about 9 o'clock at night, by William Bury, Constable of the Ward, &c. And because cognizance of the cause appertains to the Ordinary, he is sent to the Ordinary to be by him punished canonically.

Joh'es Couper.

26 Aug., the same year, in the presence of Henry Bartone, the Mayor, William Crowmere, Thomas Fauconer, Ralph Bartone, John Perneys, John Welles, Simon Seman, Henry Frowyk, Robert Large, Aldermen, John Abbot and Thomas Dufhous, the Sheriffs, there was brought hither John Couper, "chapman," a married man, of Newerk, who was taken in adultery with Katherine, wife of Richard Frensshe, about midnight, by the Constable and Beadle of the Ward of Crepulgate, &c. And because the cognizance of such cases appertains to the Ordinary [&c., *ut supra*].

15 Sept., 8 Henry VI. [A.D. 1429], in the presence of Henry Bartone, the Mayor, Ralph Bartone and John "Pattesle,"¹ Aldermen, John Abbot and Thomas Duffehous, the Sheriffs, there was brought hither Sir John Scales, chaplain, celebrating in the church of St. Dunstan "Est," who, together with Sir Richard Hegge, chaplain, celebrating in the said church, who escaped, and with no other assistance, carried away by night a certain Johanna, late servant of ———² Cantelowe, towards Mile Ende. The said Sir John was taken with the said Johanna in the Ward of Portsoken by the Constable of the Ward, &c. And because the cognizance of such cases appertains to the Ordinary, he is committed to the Ordinary for purgation.

*Dn's Joh's
Scales
Capell'us.*

14 Oct., the same year, in the presence of Henry Bartone, the Mayor, John Simond, the Recorder, Thomas Fauconer, Ralph Bartone, John Brokle, John Paddesle, Simon Seman, Robert Ottele, and Stephen Broun, Aldermen, William Russe and Ralph Holand, Sheriffs, there was brought hither Sir John Ardyngworth, of co. Northampton, chaplain, residing with the Duke of Gloucester, who was taken in adultery with Margaret Skydmore, otherwise called Parker, by the Constable of the Ward of Billingesgate, about 8 o'clock at night. And proclamation having been made [&c., *ut supra*].

Fo. cclxxxix b.

31 Oct., the same year, in the presence of William Estfeld, the Mayor, Thomas Knolles, William Crowmere, Thomas Fauconer, John Gedney, Ralph Bartone, John Wellys, Stephen Broun, Robert Large, John Brokle, Henry Frowyk, Simon Seman, Thomas Wandesford, and John Paddesle, Aldermen, there was brought hither Sir Ralph Wengrave, chaplain of the College of St. Michael in Crokedlane, who was taken in adultery with Mariona Grene of co. York on Saturday last, between 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning, between whom (*inter quos*) Agnes, wife of John Hebell de Sowthwerk, by the Constable of the Ward of Candelwykstrete. And proclamation having been made [&c., *ut supra*].

Or "Paddesle."

² *Blank.*

³ The meaning probably is that Agnes had acted as procuress.

“The mayr comaundith on the Kynges bi[half] that no man from this day froward wⁱⁿ the fraunchise of this Cite of London holde in servyse ne geve no maner salery to N. B. that here is, in peyn of paying the doble sume to the Chamber of the seid salerie to the Chambre of London [*sic*] for he is foundyn in suspect place in wey of synne for he is founde in doying fornicacion (avowtri¹) w^t J. N. that here is present.” [No date.]

6 Feb., 17 Henry VI. [A.D. 1438-9], in the presence of Stephen Brown, the Mayor, the Recorder, and Aldermen, John Spaldyng, chaplain, taken with Johanna Wikys, a married woman, on suspicion of adultery, by John Mader and John Halman, Constables of the Ward of Langeborne. And the customary proclamation having been made, he is sent to the Ordinary to be punished.

4 May, 17 Henry VI. [A.D. 1439], in the presence of Stephen Brown, the Mayor, the Recorder, and Aldermen, Ralph Lawrence, chaplain, was taken with Johanna Chances, a married woman, on suspicion of adultery, by the Constable of the Ward of Algate. And the customary proclamation having been made, the said chaplain is sent to the Ordinary to be punished. And his judgment is that he make no stay within the City except as a stranger, under pain of imprisonment, &c.

Inasmuch as Thomas Chapell of London, “brewer,” was indicted before Stephen Broun, the Mayor, and Aldermen of divers acts provoking to public immorality, and was thereof convicted, it is adjudged by the Mayor and Aldermen that he be put on the pillory, to remain there an hour, and that proclamation be made of the reason thereof. [No date.]

Inasmuch as Johanna, wife of Hugh Carpenter, was indicted before Stephen Broun, the Mayor, and Aldermen of divers acts provoking to public immorality, and was thereof convicted, it is adjudged by the Mayor and Aldermen that she be put on the pillory two days for an hour, and that proclamation be made of the reason thereof. [No date.]

¹ A gloss.

Inasmuch as Hugh Carpenter was similarly indicted and convicted, it is adjudged that he be put on the pillory for an hour, proclamation *ut supra*. [No date.]

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13 July, 17 Henry VI. [A.D. 1439], in the presence of Stephen Broun, the Mayor, the Recorder, and Aldermen, Herman de Verona, chaplain, was taken in adultery with Agnes Bramp-tone, a married woman, by John Whitfeld, Constable of the Ward of Bradstret; and proclamation having been made according to the custom of the City, he is sent to the Ordinary to be punished.

Inasmuch as Johanna Wakelyn, Margaret Hathewyke, and Margery Bradlee were indicted before Stephen Broun, the Mayor, and the Aldermen of divers acts provoking to public immorality, and were afterwards, viz., on the 21st April, convicted thereof; it is adjudged by the said Mayor and Aldermen that they be put on the pillory two days for an hour a day, and that proclamation be made of the reason thereof.

[Fos. ccxc b, ccxci *blank*.]*Masters of Misteries sworn.*

Pastelers: Robert Marcheford, John Powlyn, Walter Maungeard, William Bircheham, sworn 19 Nov., 9 Henry V. [A.D. 1421].

Fo. ccxci b.

Wexchaundelers: Henry Gowe, William Burtone, sworn 7 Nov., the same year.

Whitawyers: John Bedwell, John Sunman, sworn 15 Nov., the same year.

English Weavers: Geoffrey Cook, John Feswik, sworn 21 Nov., the same year.

Foreign Weavers: Henry Anelesgippe, Segre van Gaile, sworn the same day.

Brewers: Robert Smyth, William Crane, Hugh Neel, John Philippe, sworn 20 Nov., the same year.

*Sercheours*¹: William Ferroure, John Salter, Peter Carpenter, William Peteville, sworn the same day.

Pynners: John Hille, John Berwer, William Brembyll, sworn 21 Nov., the same year.

¹ Of ale, probably.

Pouchemakers : William Pepir, John Frensshe, William More, Richard Bruer, sworn 27 Nov., the same year.

Coupers : John Fryth, Thomas Alfrend, sworn 24 June, 10 Henry V. [A.D. 1422].

Lethersellers : John Rowold, Henry Newman, sworn the same day.

Scriveners : John Spark, John Bydeford, sworn 13 Aug., the same year.

Barbours : John Brantone, William Shiplake, William Bacon, sworn 10 Sept., the same year.¹

Fo. ccxcii. “ *These ben ordinaunces and statutes of Catours and purveours made by diversys kynges reherset in parlement holden the secunde yeer of the reigne of Kyng Henry Sixte² oure sovereyn lord that nowe is and by his maundement proclamed and comaunded to be kept.*

“For als moche as it is conteyned among other in statute made in parlement sir Edward sumtyme Kyng of Ynglond holden the fourthe yeer of his regne [A.D. 1330]³ that for the puple was moche greved that corne, hey, bestes and other kyndes of vitales of smale folk of the puple were take as well by takers and purveyours of the kynges hous as by other wherof no payement was made And of that also that takers and purveours of cornes for the houses of the Kyng the Quene and of her children token cornes at lesse valu than thei were worth And al so token xxv quarters of corne for xx quarters for as mochell as thei mesured every busshell heped And al so that takers and purveours of hey and litere for the same householdes maden afore this tyme here cast of hey and litere at here will and assessed every cast at a halfpeny were it was worth two or thre pens. And also assesseden cartfull of hey

¹ A mistake for 1 Hen. VI.

² Sat from October, 1423, to Feb., 1424. In the previous Parliament, which had commenced to sit on the 9th Nov., 1422 (1 Hen. VI.), it had been enacted that all statutes and ordinances touching Purveyors and

“Accatours” (or Buyers) that had not been repealed should be carried into execution and solemnly proclaimed by each Sheriff throughout the realm four times a year. ‘Rot. Parl.’ iv. 190.

³ See Stat. 4 Edw. III. cap. iii.

and litere at lesse price than they were worth. It is acorded q'd [*sic*] none more ne lesse of what estate or condicioun that he be outake¹ takers and purveours of cornes of the houses of Kyng Quene hys wyf and of her children take corne, hey, litere, bestes ne vitales or other godes or catels of any man, ne make cariage ageyn the will of hem whoos godes or cariage they ben. And that takers or purveours of cornes for the forseid twey howseholdes take hem by mesure striken² as it is used bi alle the Reume. And that alle cornes, hey, litere, bestes and alle othere vitales and thynges what ever they ben that schalle be take for the twey housholdes aforeseid fro this tyme forward be take by the Constables and other worthi men of tounes where suche takyng schall be made at the verrey valu without that the preysers be constreyned by threthyng or duresse to set any other price that [*sic*] here othe axethe.³ And that of all thynges that shuln be take for the same housholdes of Kyng Quene hys wyf and of her children paiement be made or the Kyng passe out of the yerd.⁴

"Also it is acorded and stablissed in parliament of the same Kyng Edward holden the fifte yeer of hys regne [A.D. 1331]⁵ that takynnges and purveiances for the forseid housholdes be done by price made bi the Constables and foure worthi men sworne of tounes wher suche takynges and purveiaunces schal be made and withoute thretyng as in the forseid statute⁶ more fully is conteyned and that tayles⁷ enseled with seles of takers of thynges so taken bithwix the purveours and hem of whom the godes schal be taken in presence of the Constables and appraisers by whiche tailles agrement be made to hem of whom thynges so schal be taken. And if any taker or purveour for the forseid housholdes do hit in any other wise that

¹ Fr. *forpris* (Stat.).

² *Par mesure rase* (Stat.).

³ *Autre pris qe lour serement ne voet* (Stat.).

⁴ *Hors de la verge* in statute, the meaning being that the goods were to be paid for before the King got beyond the verge (Lat. *virga*) or

jurisdiction of the Lord Steward of the Household, a distance of twelve miles more or less.

⁵ Stat. 5 Edw. III. cap. ii.

⁶ Referring to Stat. 4 Edw. III. cap. iii.

⁷ Tallies.

he be arested anone bi the toune where the takyng schal be made and led to the next Gaole and [if] he be convict therof that hit be do of hem as of a thief if the quantite of the goodes axe hit.¹ And fro hens forward the forme and the peyne contyned in the same statute be conteyned in commissiouns of suche takers and purveours whether thei be under the litell seale or greet sealle.

“And also it was acorded and stablissed among other in an other statute made in parlement of the same Kyng E holden the xj yeer of his regne [A.D. 1337]² that for grete grevaunces the kepers of the Kynges grete hors brought un to the pule³ purveiances that were to be made for the Kynges grete hors howlong werevere thei abiden be bi the Shireves of the Shires where the forseid hors schul abide and by non other And that suche maner of commissiouns made to the kepers be of non valu and fully repeled and that purveiaunces that is to be made bi the forsaid Shireves in such case be delivered to the seid kepers by endenture. And al so it was acorded that certein folk be assigned to here and termyne all trespasses done bi the seid kepers as well at the Kynges sute as of the partye.

“Also it was acorded in an other Statute in parliament of the same Kyng E the xiiij yeer of hys regne [A.D. 1340]⁴ that purveiaunces that schal be made for housholdes of Kyng and Quene where thei dwell or passe bi Countrey be done bi Warant and power delivered to hem that shuln mak purveaunces in whiche expressely be contened that they nothing purvey ne bye but if it be by market made bitwix biers and sellers and by gode wyll of sellers. And if ony bi colour of his commissioun wolde take onything ageyn this stablement no man be bounden to obeye to him more than if he shuld have no commissioun and that paiement be made to seller of that that is bought and purveied a fore the Kyng passe out of the yerd. And of grete purveiaunces that be to be made as myght

¹ *Si la quantite des biens le demande* (Stat.).

² Not recorded in ‘Statutes at Large.’

³ The Pool in the Thames below London Bridge.

⁴ Stat. 14 Edw. III. cap. xix.

be of flesshe, fische and other vitailles for the Kynges werres and for Castels and Tounes in Scotland Inghland and elles where merchauntes or worthi men of countre be set by the Tresarer to purveiaunce of vitailyng without commissioun and power of Kyng or of other to be so that the puple or ony of hem be not set to selle ony thyng a geyn her wille. And that no commissioun be made to the kepers of the Kynges hors bi the Kyng ne bi Shireve ne by none other to make purveiaunce for the Kynges hors but that the Shireve be charged only that he by himself or by his make purveiaunce of the issues of hys baillye. And the noumbre of the hors for whom the purveaunces shal be made be conteyned in his maundement afore-seid. And that no purveaunce be made over that numbre Savyng that the seyd kepere have one hakeney. And that he be war that the countrey be not charged of mo than of tho that kepen hors but for every hors . o . [*i.e.*, one] page without wymmen pagettes or houndes to be lad with hem.¹ And if mo be dwellyng in charge of the cuntrey that thei be led to prisoun there forto dwell at the Kynges wille. And in the same manere it be commaunded to the Shireves that they make purveaunce for houndes of the issues of her baillye where thei abiden. And that suche manere purveaunce be don by non other but by the Shireve. And that the nombre of the houndes for whom such purveaunce shal be made be conteyned in his mandement over which noumbre no purveaunce be made so that they lyve of her certeyne without charge of the cuntrey. And if any fele him greved ageyn this establement have be recoveree a geyn the Shireve of suche grevaunce to hym done.

“And also ther is conteyned in another Statute made in the same parlement² q’d none on the Kynges byhalf ne by other by commissioun of the grete seale ne litel seal ne without comissioun take thyng of cornes, hey, beestes, cariages ne other godes of Archebisshopes, Bisshopes, Abbotes, Priours, Abesses,

¹ *Pur chescun cheval un garceon sanz menir femmes pages ou chiens ovesqe eux* (Stat.).

² See “A Statute for the Clergy

made at Westminster April 16, Anno 14 Edw. III. Stat. 4,” cap. i. ‘Statutes at Large’ (ed. 1758), i. 247-8.

Prioresses, Persones, Vicars or other men of holichirche withinne her mansiouns maners Graunges or other places withinne fee of holichirche or without ageyn the will of hym whos the godes ben. And it is forbeden that no suche comisioun be made in ony wise under the grete seal or litle ne go not out to make any suche manere takyng, for the Kyng hath taken prelates and clergi biforseyd and her possessiouns godes and catailles in to the proteccioun of hym and of his heires.¹

fo. ccxciii.

“Also it is conteyned among other in Statute in parlement of the seid sum tyme Kyng the xxv yeer of his regne [A.D. 1351-2]² that takers and purveours of cornes for the seid houtholdes take hem by mesure striken after that it is used bi alle the reaume.³ And that alle cornes, hey, litere, bestes and alle other vitailles and thinges what evere thei be to be take for the seid houtholders be preiseid to the verrey valu bi constables and other worthi men of tounes where such takyng schal be made without that the appreyers be constreyned bi thretynges or duresse to put other prise than her othe axethe and in the next market comunely renneth. And that tailles anon be made in presens of constables and prisers bitwene the purveours and hem of whom the gode shal be take without that that [*sic*] the folk of whome the gode shal be take be drawn in to other place or vexed and that the same tailles be sealed with seles of the takers of thinges so taken by whiche tailles paiement be made to hem of whom thinges be so taken. And if any taker or purveour for the seid houtholdes do otherwise that he be arested anon bi the toun where the takynge shal be made and led to the next Gaole. And if he be convict therof there be done of hym as of a thief if the quantite of the godes axe hit after that in an other Statute made in the fifte yeer of hys regne⁴ and in an other Statute in the time of his Ayel⁵ upon such

¹ See writ to similar effect addressed to the Sheriffs of London in 1316. ‘Cal. Letter-Book E,’ p. 63.

² “A Statute of Purveyors made Anno 25 Edw. III. Stat. 5.” Recorded in ‘Cal. Letter-Book F,’ p. 244.

³ Cap. x. ‘Statutes at Large’ (ed. 1758), i. 276.

⁴ Stat. 5 Edw. III. [A.D. 1331], cap. ii.

⁵ Stat. 3 Edw. I. [A.D. 1275], cap. xxxiii.

manere takynges more fully is conteyned. And that the entent and the peyne in this statute conteyned be conteyned in commissiouns of suche takers and purveours. And that no commissioun be made but if it be seled only with the grete seale or pryvee sealle ne no man be hold to obeye to other commissioun ne in other wise than is seid to fore. And that this statute hold place in every article a geyns every taker or purveour of alle kyndes of vitailles in every part of the Remme of what condicioun he be.¹

“Also in anoþer statute² made in the forseid parlement in the seid xxv yeer [A.D. 1351-2] for that that [*sic*] purveours and takers taken sheep of the puple of the Kynges price bitwix Ester and fest of Seynt John with wolle and dohem for to be preised at litell price and after sende hem to her owne houses and do hem to be shore to here owne profit in deseit of the Kyng and greet oppression of the puple it is acorded and graunted that no suche purveiours taker or catour take ony sheep a fore the sesoun of sherynge but als many as may suffice resonabli un to the tyme of sherynge And after that tyme that he take as many of shorne sheep and non other as may suffice resonably. And if any purveour or catour of the reume do the contrary and be convict therof at sute of the Kyng or of partie that there be of hym as of a thief or of a Tretour and the peyne conteyned in every commissioun of such purveours.

“Also in another statute in parlement of the seid sumtyme kyng the xxviii yeer of his regne [A.D. 1354]³ for as moche as mene folk of the reume and many other have pleyned hem of grevaunces don to hem for as moche as purveours of Kyng, Quene, Prynce and of other have take godes of lyvyng⁴ and here vitayles of hem and delivered hem tailles assyngnyg [*sic*] hem day and place to receyve her payement in foreyn and ferre places where thei have expended the valu of thynges so

¹ A recital of cap. i. of the ‘Statute of Purveyors’ mentioned *supra* p. 292, note 2.

² What follows is a recital of cap. xv. of the *same* statute.

³ What follows is a recital of Stat. 28 Edw. III. cap. xii. The statute is recorded in ‘Letter - Book G,’ fos. xxi b-xxii b.

⁴ *Leur biens vïvres* (Stat.).

taken or double or they receyed her payement and ofte have fayled of all it is ordeyned and stabled that payement be made anon¹ upon such purveaunce made without tayle to be delivered or day or place therof in other place to be assigned of all purveaunces made or to be made to the Kynges use or other withinne the summe of xxs. and that of all purveaunces made of xxs. and a bove paiement be made withinne a quarter of a yeer next folowyng after purveaunces made at certeyn dayes and places after that the puple may most be quieted and lest vexed.

“Also in an other statute in parlement of the seid sumtyme kyng the xxxvi yeer of his regne [A.D. 1362] is conteyned² that no man of his rewme have takynge but only Kyng and Quene his wyf and that full payment be made in hond for purveaunces made for Kynges hous and Quenes that ys to sey after price for whiche vitales been sold comunely in marketes aboute and that that odyouse name purveour be chaunged and cald catour. And if any catour may not wel acorde with the seller of that that him nedeth than the takynges that shal be made for the seid housholdes be made by sight and prysynge of lordes or bailles Constables and foure worthy men of every toun and that by endenture to be made bitwyx the Catours and the seid lordes or baillyes Constables and foure worthi men conteyning the quantite of the takyng and price and of what persones and that the takyng be made in congru manere without duresse, rigour, thretynges or other vilany. And that takynges and achates be made in stedes and places where most habundaunce shal be therof and that in convenient tyme and that no more be take for the seid twey housholdes than nedeth in his sesoun and that the noumbre of Catours be lessed in as moche as it may be profitable and that suche be Catours that be suffient to answeere to the Kyng and to the puple and that non of hem have depute and that commissiouns be seled of the grete seale and be restitute in to the Chauncerye every halfe yeer and other made

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¹ *Maintenant* (Stat.).

² What follows is for the most part
a recital of caps. ii.-vi. of Stat.

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i. 320-1).

of newe and that the manere and matere of her takynge and bigginge be conteyned in the seid commissiouns¹ and that no man be holde to obeye ageyne his will to Catours of any other lordes ne to Catours of the seid twey housholdes if thei make no full payement in hond as to fore is seid and non be put in contempt bi cause of inobedience done in this wise and that the takynge of alle manere cornes and malt for the seid housholdes be mesured by mesure acordyng to the standard striken and not heped and that full paiement be maad in hond for cariages of forseid cornes and malt and for all other takynge and achates to be made for the seid twey houses in the same manere as for takynge and achates aforeseid and that more of cariage be not take than schalle be nedefull and necessari and if any Catour make any takynge or achate or taker of cariage in other wise than in the seid commissiouns is conteyned have he punysshment of lyf and membre as it is ordeined of purveour in other statutes and that no Catour of vitales ne taker of cariage take ne receyve yift or ony benifce of ony men for to disporte ne charge ne grevve none bi occasioun of such takynge achate and cariages for hate envie evylle wille or procuryng and if he do and therof be convyct at sute of partie that he yeld to the partie his harmes to the treble and have enprisonment of two yeer and be raunsonned at the Kynges wille and after that forswere court. And if the partye nyl not sue have he for his labour that wol sue for the Kyng the tryd peny that shal be recovered and neverthelate the catour and the taker have the peyne abovesaid and that every Catour upon his acounte declare and distingue severelly alle takynge and achates of every Shire Toun Village and persone and commissions be made to twey worthi and lawly men of every Shire and the thrid to be named in the seid commissions be of the Kynges hous so that if ony of the thre come not that twey procede forth to enquire of berynge and dedes of the seid

¹ Here we find in the statute the following paragraph inserted touching the termination of commissions: *Et que mesmes les commissions soient*

faites sur la fin du dit parlement et adonques toutes les autres commissions des purveours devant faites de tout repellez. ('Statutes at Large,' i. 320.)

Catours and takers and what the same Catours token and bouthen and how moche cariage the seid takers token severelly of every toun village or of singular persons and to hire and termyne contemptes extorssious and trespas done in this wyse as well at the Kynge's sute as other that wol pleyne hem. And that the Steward, Tresorer and Countroller of eyther seid houtholdes come to gider for informacioun to be made to the seyd Justices of thinges biforeshid and calle afore hem all Clerkes and other officers what they be of every office of the same tway houtholdes and se receites of parcelles purveied in cuntrey and expended in the seid houtholdes and that thei certifie the parcelles taken in every toun and of every persone in to the Chauncery quarter or half yer and the Chancellor do sende the certificacioun to justices that so schul be assigned And if it may be found in cuntrey by evidence of here endentures or other wyse that they have take more than thei have delivered in the seid houtholdes and that they have take have he payne of lyf and membre at sute of partye or of the Kynge as to fore is seid and this present ordinaunce strecche him and holde place as wel for purveou[r]s for grete hors of the seid tway houtholdes as ageyn Catours and takers abovesaid And also that none of the seid tway householdes hold more of hors in his livere where the seid housholde schal be than is ordeyned bi statute of the Kynge's house and who doth otherwise and be founden over the nombre of horse tited to him bi the seid statute be hit don as the statute wole And that none of the seid tway householdes of what state or condicioun he be have purveieur to make purveaunce or takyng for any of the seid houtholdes but that they or her folk bye that hem nedeth of hem that woll sell it with her gode will and pay it redily in hond affer [*sic*] they mowe acorde with the seller and if they do in other wise suche punisshment of lyf and membres be do of them as is seid of Catours.

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“And that huntis Fauconers Sergeauntz of armes and all other that ben at wages or perteynyng to the seid tway householdes have the same payne if they do the contrary And that no lord of Ynglond ne non other of his reame of what

state or condicioun he be except Kyng or Quene make no takyng bi himself ne by other of his meyney in any wyse of any manere vitailles but bye that hem nedeth of hem that wol sell hit with her gode will and pay redily in hand therfore after they mowe acorde with the seller and if meyny of the seid lordes or other do other wyse and therof be convict be don of hem such punisshment of lyf and membres as is ordeyned of catours.

“Also ther is contened in statute made in parlement of Sir Richard sum tyme Kyng of Ynglond holden the first yeer of hys regne¹ that statutes sumtyme made in the tyme of Kyng E. ayelle of the said Kyng R. of Purveours and Catours be holden and kept strongly in alle thinges addying to the same that for as moche as prelates and clergi may not make sute agein ony man by wey of crime as the seid statutes axen that all prelates and clargie have therof her acciouns agein such Purveiours and Catours bi wey of trespas and there recovere her damage to the treble.

“And it is acorded and assented in an other statute the vii yeer of the same Kyng R.² that statutes made of purveours be strongly holden and kept and put to dewe execucioun addinge therto that if servauntes of other lordes or othre that be not conteyned in the seid statute taken in eny party of the reume vitailles or cariage to the use of her lordes or other otherwyse than they mowe acorde with possessours and sellers of the same by paiement therof to be paied redily in hond that tho same servauntz renne in to the same peyne in alle the seid statutes of purveours conteyned and neverthelater the party greved by the same servauntes have his sute at the commyne lawe if he wol.

“And also it is ordeyned and stabled in statute the xiiii yeer of the regne and Ayell of the King that now is [*sic*]³ that statutes made of purveours be holden and kept and put to dewe execucioun castyng þ’to that no purveour ne catour make purveaunce or achate for the Kynges hous of ony thyng to the value of

¹ Stat. 1 Ric. II. cap. iii.

² Stat. 7 Ric. II. cap. viii.

³ There appears to be some mis-

take here, for no Parliament sat anno
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xls. or withinne if he make not full payement in hond up peyne of lesyng of his office and to paye as moche to the party greved.

“The Kyng therefore that now is for as moche as it is contyned amonge other in statute made in his parlement at Westm’ holden the furst yeer of his regne¹ that alle statutes and ordinaunces made of Purveours and Catours and not revoked be holden and execute in alle thynges and also be proclamed in every Schire of the reume by his comaundement and that every Schireve of Ynglond after he schal resceive the seid statutes for proclamacioun to be made therof by his maundement that he do for to proclame hem foure tymes in the yeer thurgh his baillie Up peyne to paye to the Kyng cs. as ofte as he faileth therof. And that eche of the seid Schireves make deliveraunce of the seid maundement to his successour next folowyng by endenture to be made by twyx hem Under the same peyne. Whereof he schall mowe [*sic*] make proclamacioun for the tyme that he schal stond in his office. And that every such successour make such proclamaciouns iiij tymes by yeere and such deliveraunce of the seid maundements upon peine above-seid as hit is seid tofore And this maundement was sent by our soverayn lord Kyng that now is to the Schireves of London the teste of the which maundement ys the xx day of Feverer the second yeer of his regne [A.D. 1423-4].

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¹ Stat. 1 Hen. VI. [A.D. 1422], cap. ii.

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